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THIRD ANNIVERSARY OF SHOOTING PROMPTS ANGUISHED PLEA:

Why haven't the police caught my son's killer?

By **MATHEW BEECH**
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THE father of a man shot dead outside his home three years ago has attacked the police for failing to solve the crime.

David O'Leary was gunned down outside his house in Lydden on Saturday, March 1, 2008, after a night out in Margate with friends.

As the third anniversary of his son's death passed, his father, Daniel O'Leary, 70, has again hit out at detectives for not acting quickly enough to find his son's killer.

And he believes police are not doing enough to bring the gunman to justice – a claim strongly denied by police chiefs.

Mr O'Leary said: "The police were useless and not up to the job. The people involved in this case, whoever they were, were not fit for purpose. They were slow to react and slow to start the investigation.

"It seems as though the police have given up and decided it is an unsolvable case. Maybe it is and I'm wrong to keep going, but I can't give up.

"After three years they haven't caught anyone and they haven't even spoken to me about it.

"They have a cold-case team that will investigate the murder after five years, but this was a cold case from the moment it happened."

Mr O'Leary – the man behind the Desperate Dan the Junkman business – ran his own campaign to find the killer by putting pictures of his son on his van and has even conducted his own research into the shooting.

He said: "I decided to educate myself on these types of crimes and I've watched a lot of documentaries on them. I now know how people go about hiring guns and killers. I did have

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IT'S FAREWELL TO OUR UNEXPECTED VISITOR

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A big Turneround

TOURISM figures in the town got a sneak peak at the Turner Contemporary in Margate last week, a month before its opening.

And, what's more, the guided tour of the gallery proved enough to change the views of many as to just what the venue will bring to the town. Meanwhile, the full series of events marking its opening has been unveiled.

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Good luck, Adam

A TEENAGER who underwent a liver transplant is preparing to jet off to Sweden this summer for the World Transplant Games.

The event will showcase the sporting talents of Adam Wall, 16, from Broadstairs. The Charles Dickens School pupil has proved an inspiration to classmates and staff alike, says his headteacher.

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In polar position

WHEN British adventurer Felicity Aston led seven women on a unique expedition to the South Pole she guaranteed herself and her comrades a place in the history books.

Not only did the group complete the treacherous 900km skiing trip across one of Earth's most hostile environments, they broke six world records in the process.

Now Miss Aston, from Birchington, has written a book – Call of the White – recalling the highs and lows of the trek.

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‘Give Pfizer staff time to finds jobs’

By **MARIJKE COX**

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MP Laura Sandys has made an impassioned plea to Government to push Pfizer to defer redundancies to give staff a better chance of finding employment.

In a parliamentary debate on Monday, Ms Sandys criticised the drugs giant for giving employees just 90 days to explore new work opportunities.

Addressing science minister David Willetts she called on the Government to speak to the company.

“Pfizer has been at Sandwich for 60 years, but has given its staff and the community just 90 days to readjust,” she said.

“We know significant numbers of staff will be made redundant soon with little time for support to be put in place in terms of helping them set up businesses or identify investors who might want to buy some of the assets and keep those important jobs at the site in Sandwich.

“While I pay tribute to the local management who are trying to put in place new opportunities, they too have little time to ensure that jobs stay before redundancies are issued.

“This is a great disappointment as there are some really exciting opportunities. The site and the staff have real potential.”

Ms Sandys said more time was needed from Pfizer to give staff a chance to find new opportunities in the wake of the bombshell last month, when Pfizer announced it would be pulling out of Sandwich, leaving 2,400 jobs at risk.

Taking into consideration contractors at the site, Ms Sandys said the figure could see an additional 5,000 jobs lost.

She stressed that staff wanting to set up businesses will not have the time to get finances together or set up packages before the dispersal of employees begins.

“We can’t stop Pfizer from leaving the site; it’s their decision and their responsibility, but I’d like to ask the minister to help us with our discussions with Pfizer,” she said.

“I’m not asking Pfizer to change their exit date – 2012 will be when they exit their activities in Sandwich, but that does not mean that they have to rush the redundancies now when so much has been put in place to mitigate the company’s decision.

“Ninety days after 60 years. I’m not sure that is fair or reasonable. We need more time. The staff and contractors need more time and our east Kent economy needs more time.”

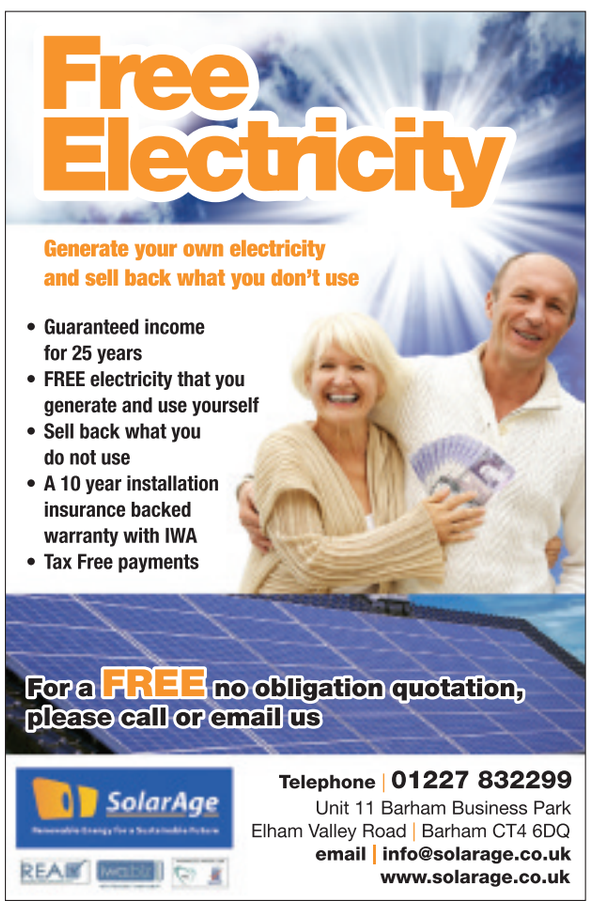
Mr Willetts agreed with Ms Sandys that the 90-day period was a difficult prospect for staff.

“After 60 years in the area during which time researchers and staff have developed some extraordinarily successful drugs, the prospect of a 90-day process is very painful,” he said.

Ms Sandys also called on Government to back the creation of a life science centre at the site and discussed the improvement of transport links to the facility.



PLEA: Laura Sandys says Pfizer owes its workforce more than just 90 days to find new employment



Preview tours of gallery impress

TOURISM businesses in Thanet have got a sneak preview of Margate’s newest visitor attraction.

More than 150 local people attended two preview tours around the new Turner Contemporary gallery, as part of the countdown to its official opening.

The tours, hosted by Turner Contemporary and Thanet District Council, aimed to involve key local business people in the plans for the new gallery and to give them a preview of the building ahead of its opening on April 16.

Those invited to the event included local taxi drivers, hairdressers and other tourism-based businesses who all deal with local people and visitors to the area on a daily basis.

Director of the Margate Renewal Partnership, Derek Harding, said: “It was fantastic to see so many people at the Turner Contemporary. This is going to be a huge boost for Margate, and the whole area, and we want to involve key local businesses to show them the benefits we believe Turner Contemporary will bring to Thanet.

“I think it’s fair to say that a number of people came along thinking one thing, but left with a completely different view”.

Taxi driver Hugh Brown said: “I’ve really changed my opinion. Turner Contemporary should not be seen in isolation but as part of a concept which will help the area.

“I haven’t had much to do with art in the past, you get your own ideas which are wrong, I thought I wouldn’t understand it but actually I didn’t realise how beautiful some of Turner’s works are and I’m quite impressed actually.”

Owners of South Lodge Guest House, Bill and Christa Hackney, said: “It will do well for the area. The building is very impressive, iconic even, from the outside, but is even more impressive inside. When it opens it will be just magical.

“We really love the idea of having the public all around the building, looking in, which will act as a real draw to get people to visit.

“It will have a very positive effect for the whole of Thanet, particularly for Margate.”

• ***Full line-up of launch events unveiled. See page 7.***

Father’s plea to find killer

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pictures on my van of my son and the chief of police, but I have now taken these down.

“I did it for my grandchildren because we were going for a happy day out, then they saw a picture of their father on the van and then it wasn’t such a happy day for them.”

Mr O’Leary hopes he will get the case reconstructed for television.

He said: “I want to raise even more awareness about this and I’ve tried to get it on [BBC show] Crimewatch.

“I’ve tried to get the case on there through the police, but they don’t seem interested. They cover people having their credit cards stolen, but the police don’t seem to be bothered putting my son’s murder on to it.

“I’m nearly 71 years old, but I can’t stop. My son’s killer is out there somewhere and there is hatred inside me.

“My family have told me to give up, but I can’t. I’m a broken man.”

A spokesman for Kent Police said: “We are still investigating and the case is not closed. It is subject to regular analysis by our serious review team and we will examine any new evidence we find.

“We appeal to anyone who can provide fresh evidence about this death to come forward and contact us.”

Whale 'dehydrated due to lack of food'

By **IAN READ AND STEVE KNIGHT**

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THE 45-foot-long sperm whale washed up at Pegwell Bay in Ramsgate has been cut up and removed.

Samples, including parts of its jawbone, have been taken away for further examination at the Natural History Museum, while the rest of the carcass has been buried in a landfill site.

An on-site autopsy revealed the juvenile hadn't eaten for up to four days before it was washed ashore last week.

Sperm whales are usually found in the Atlantic, off the coast of Scotland, where they dive to depths of 3,000 feet to hunt giant squid.

The water depth in the North Sea is about 300 feet, and without food the animal rapidly dehydrated.

Jon Brooks, North Kent co-ordinator for British Divers Marine Life Rescue (BDMLR) was one of the first on the scene.

He said: "I got a call from the coastguard and went to the scene. At first we couldn't confirm whether it was dead or alive. We got our rescue boat from Ramsgate Harbour and when we got back, the whale was on its side we could tell it was dead.

"The whale hadn't fed. It gets water from the squid it eats, and deprived of food, it would dehydrate.

"We don't know what it was doing off Pegwell Bay. A detailed analysis may be able to tell us that."

Before it was finally cut up, the five-tonne whale was moved to a slipway at Ramsgate Harbour.

Thanet Council chief executive Richard Samuel said his staff had dealt with the animal in a 'dignified way'.

He said: "The death of this wonderful marine animal on our shoreline is very sad, and has posed an unusual disposal problem for the council.

"Our experts dealt with it in a dignified way."

The whale's arrival saw hundreds flock to get a glimpse of the creature.

It prompted a crowd-control issue, with some people taking risks to see the visitor.

"We were advising people not to go too close to the whale," said Mark Clark of the Maritime and Coastguard Agency.

"Some people seem to have a primal need to put their kids on its back and take lots of photographs when these creatures are full of bacteria and can spread disease, which we obviously wanted to avoid.

"You've also got to remember that it's a dead body, so it can get smelly."

The cliff edge was also sealed off as people attempted to gain a vantage point, but were getting too close to the edge, putting themselves, and others, in danger.

Jon Brooks, of the BDMLR, added: "It's very, very rare to have something of this size wash up in Kent.

"Whales usually carry parasites on their backs, but there were none on this one, so it may have been dead for a couple of days before it washed up."

Sperm whales are so called because their heads contain large quantities of a substance originally thought to be sperm, but which scientists believe is actually more likely to help the creature alter its buoyancy while diving to great depths.

They also have the largest brain of any creature known to have lived on earth.



Picture MARITIME AND COASTGUARD AGENCY

OFF COURSE: The dead sperm whale washed up at Pegwell Bay may have died from dehydration, due to a lack of food in the relatively shallow waters of the North Sea

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Adam is hoping for glory at transplant games



MEDAL HOPES: Adam Wall had a liver transplant when he was a baby

TEENAGER Adam Wall is proving an inspiration to his classmates as he prepares to jet out to Sweden to take part in this summer's World Transplant Games.

The 16-year-old, from Broadstairs, was diagnosed with Algilles Syndrome, a rare liver disease, when he was a baby and had to have a transplant.

Now he's getting ready to take on competitors from 55 countries in Gothenburg, Sweden, in June.

He said: "I was unable to feed properly and therefore didn't grow very well."

Adam was so fragile the slightest knock on his joints would cause him intense pain.

The youngster said: "My Mum and Dad took the difficult decision to put me forward for a liver transplant. When I was two-and-a-half I received a new liver, and was in and out of hospital with rejection, but after a couple of years things settled down.

"Now I'm fighting fit and looking forward to the games."

Adam has a great track record, winning silver medals in the 200 metres and long jump in the British games last year.

He's aiming to compete in both disciplines again, plus the 100 metres and high jump, when he goes to Scandinavia.

The school is helping to sponsor Adam's kit and head Andrew Olsson is justly proud of him.

He said: "Adam is an inspiration to us all. He and his team mates show real determination to beat the odds. To take part in the world games is a fantastic achievement."

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DUE SOUTH: Felicity Aston (inset) leads the Commonwealth team en route to the Pole, where they flew their flags on arrival

WHEN British adventurer Felicity Aston led seven women on a unique expedition to the South Pole she guaranteed herself and her comrades a place in the history books.

Not only did the fearless group complete the treacherous 900km trek across one of Earth's most hostile environments, they broke six world records in the process.

And with the women selected from Commonwealth countries as diverse as Jamaica, India, Singapore and Cyprus, some had never even seen snow, let alone set foot on a pair of skis.

In her uplifting book, Call of the White – Taking the World to the South Pole, Miss Aston, from Birchington, recalls the highs and lows of the all-female Kaspersky Commonwealth Antarctic Expedition and how she formed the unusual team. The 33-year-old said while her book tells the story of the unique expedition it also focuses on the challenging preparations.

Novices

"I have read a lot of polar expedition accounts and some of them can be quite boring because they are so similar," she said. "This book is about getting the team together in the first place as well as the trip itself.

"Although we had a lot of support there was also a lot of scepticism about taking novices from hot climates to the Pole. The women involved were from all over the world, there were seven languages and cultures. Some of them hadn't even seen snow.

"The book shows the characters and camaraderie between us in extreme conditions."

Miss Aston said for the expedition she was looking for a group of "ordinary" women who wanted to inspire others to follow their dreams.

"It took two years to organise and plan and I received 800 applications from Commonwealth countries," she said. "Two women were each chosen from eight countries and we went on a training trip to Norway in sub-zero temperatures – they were really thrown in at the deep end."

The shortlist was then whittled down to eight – nine including travel writer Miss Aston – although one of the women was unable to complete the final expedition. Miss Aston said when selecting the final team she looked for women who had a real reason for wanting to be there.

"Sophia from Singapore had three children at home. She told me her motivation was to show her daughter – who told her she would never be able to do it – that miracles do happen," she said.

"Reena from India wanted to work in the mountains but her parents told her it wasn't a job for a woman and she would never get married if she took that path. She is now a trekking guide in the Himalayas and happily married."

Miss Aston started preparing for the expedition in 2007, and the 38-day trek took place in November and December, 2009. As well as promoting the accomplishments of women worldwide, the trip was to mark the 60th anniversary of the formation of the Commonwealth.

The final line-up included 25-year-old Stephanie Solomonides, from Cyprus, and Dk Najibah Eradah binti P.A.M Al-Sufri Pg M-L Kahar, 25, from Brunei Darussalam, who became the first two people ever from their countries to make the mammoth trip.

Reena Kaushal Dharmshaktu, 38, from India; Kylie Wakelin, from New Zealand; and Sophia Pang, 36, from Singapore, were the first women from their countries to do the same. Also making up the team was Helen Turton who flew the British flag alongside Miss Aston, who already had 10 years of knowledge under her belt having completed a number of treks, including a 360-mile endurance race across the Canadian Arctic. She also led the first British women's crossing of the Greenland ice sheet.

"I looked for people that got on well together," she said. "There was a huge element of trust in what we were going to do so that was vital. It was all about dynamics. Getting to know each other was harder than in normal situations because we lived in different countries – we used a lot of Skype and a private Wiki website – but there was great camaraderie between us."

Call of the White is being launched at Waterstone's in Tunbridge Wells on Tuesday.

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New-look seafront a step closer



REGENERATION: How the Royal Sands development will look on completion

A MAJOR step forward in the regeneration of Ramsgate seafront has been taken, with work starting on the superstructure of the Royal Sands development.

It marks an important milestone for Cardy Construction Ltd, the company behind the development. It will include luxury apartments, a hotel and state-of-the-art facilities.

Work on the superstructure – the building above the foundations – began as part of a two-year programme.

Regional director of Canterbury-based Cardy Construction, Tim Seed, said he was delighted work had commenced.

"This provides an important milestone for the development," he said. "There remains significant and strong interest for quality, high-specification coastal developments of this type.

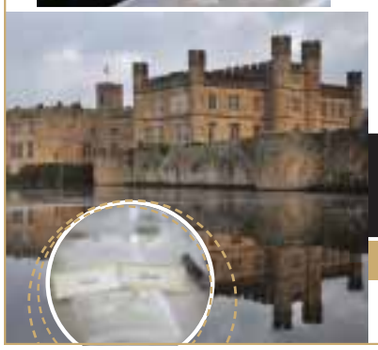
"We have been buoyed by the high level of sales inquiries for the apartments, many expressing an interest in purchasing off-plan in order to secure a preferred location. There have been rumours that high-profile celebrities have visited and we understand some have shown a keen interest."

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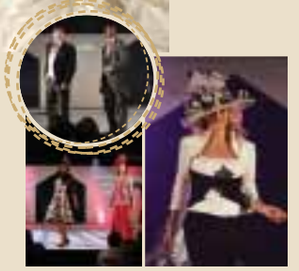
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Art is more than just paintings at Turner

By **STEVE KNIGHT**
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A VIBRANT collection of contemporary art exhibitions, shows and activities will mark the opening of the new £17 million Turner gallery in Margate.

The 10-day You Are Here programme, which starts on April 16, aims to entertain visitors with a range of attractions the public are also being invited to participate in.

Expected to be one of the most eye-catching works on display is the Bodies in Urban Spaces project, which will see flexible volunteers positioned in various imaginative poses throughout Margate.

Artist Willi Dorner has gained a global reputation for the quality of such works, as demonstrated by a similar previous effort in Marseilles, France (pictured).

The celebration of the Turner Contemporary launch also includes music, dance and other live performances, with Nicole Mollett, Christian Nold and Sophie Herxheimer among those commissioned.

"We wanted to create a real buzz around our opening; not just inside the building but also around it and elsewhere in Margate," said head of exhibitions Sarah Martin.

"We're keen to engage and involve the community and to link the gallery with the town, as they are our primary audience even though we obviously want to attract visitors from across the UK and abroad.

"We want to deliver a very exciting programme of events and for people to feel like they're part of what we are doing, because the gallery belongs to them after all."

Situated on Margate's seafront on the same site where Joseph Mallord William (JMW) Turner stayed when visiting the town, the Turner Contemporary will be the largest exhibition space in the South East outside of London.

The gallery will open the same day as the launch of You Are Here and is expected to be the catalyst for a regeneration of the town.



MIXTURE OF ART: Graham Gussin's Illumination Rig (Island) Sharjah Biennial (inset left); Willi Dorner, Bodies in Urban Spaces, Marseilles 2010 (main); The BIG Sing! by Orlando Gough (right)

Another planned attraction will involve graphic designers working with residents to create a 'memory map' of Margate in a 1950s streamline caravan.

The gallery will also be working with the Theatre Royal, Strange Works and local designers HKD to celebrate Turner's birthday on April 23 with a party for the whole town.

Musical performances will be provided by Cocos Lovers, Portico Quartet, Samba Pelo Mar and the Kent Youth Band, while there will also be a choral performance directed by renowned composer Orlando Gough.

"Contemporary art is about much more than just paintings, and our exhibitions reflect that," said Mrs Martin.

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Inflation blamed for big rise in water bills

By STEVE KNIGHT
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THE current high rate of inflation has been blamed for large water bill increases in Kent.

Water companies have been given the green light to raise charges broadly in line with a 4.7 per cent rate of inflation – based on last November's Retail Price Index – resulting in even further expense for households struggling to cope with the effects of the downturn.

Customers served by South East Water can expect the largest bill increases in the county, due to a 7.8 per cent rise of £14, up to an average bill of £193.

Southern Water, which provides Kent homes with both water and sewerage services, is raising charges by 6.4 per cent (£24) to a total average bill of £397.

The chairwoman of the Consumer Council for Water (CCWater), Dame Yve Buckland, said bill-payers would be rightly surprised by the large increases.

She said: "Many customers are struggling with rising household and other bills, and debt is rising. Already one in six customers tells us that they cannot afford their water bill.

"We want the companies to demonstrate to customers what they are getting for their money, and also to think how they might share the benefits of this unexpected financial gain with their customers.

"Water companies need to make profits and that's fine, but when they have done well financially in the past CCWater has been successful in persuading them to give £135 million back to customers in the form of lower prices and additional investments in the water and sewerage network to benefit customers.

"We will be talking to the companies to see how this can be repeated in this price period."

In 2009, the water regulator Ofwat ruled that bills must remain broadly stable up until 2015. However, inflation is still added to the costs on a year-by-year basis.

The new charges will come into effect on April 1, and remain in place until March 31, 2012.

South East Water managing director Paul Butler said its bill increases would help to deliver £390m of service improvements over the next five years.

He added: "We have worked hard over the last year to deliver our largest ever improvement programme, and over the next year we will invest another £80m to continue to improve the service our customers receive.

"While we believe that an average of just 53p per day remains excellent value for money, we do appreciate that some of our customers may be experiencing financial difficulties and so we have measures in place to help those customers facing real hardship."

Southern Water says its bills will contribute to a £1.7 billion service improvement programme, including £15m to find and repair leaking pipes, and £90m upgrading water and wastewater treatment works in 2011-12.

Meanwhile, customers served by the three other companies providing water to Kent households have also been hit by inflation-busting increases.

Thames Water has raised its charges by 4.1 per cent, to a total of £319 for water and sewerage, Veolia Southeast (formerly Folkestone and Dover Water) by 3.1 per cent to £190, and Sutton and East Surrey Water by 5.2 per cent to £174.

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Archbishop slammed for criticism of budget cuts

A HIGH-ranking Tory MP has hit back at criticism by the Archbishop of Canterbury that government spending cuts are putting vulnerable people at risk.

Dr Rowan Williams told KoS this week that he wished councils had the option to make cuts to services over a longer period of time, and that he was worried some people would continue to be worse off even after the economy has recovered.

But Sevenoaks MP Michael Fallon – the deputy chairman of the Conservative Party and a member of the influential Treasury select committee – denies the Government is failing to protect the most vulnerable members of society.

Dr Williams spoke to KoS during a visit to a new 21-bed sheltered accommodation project in Canterbury, provided by the Kent-wide homeless support charity Porchlight.

He said: "There's not a lot of public funding available and there's going to be less. I think all councils are in a no-win situation.

"I could wish they were a little more forward

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planning when the cuts come in, because you've got to make sure the vulnerable are protected – that has to be the priority.

"The worst thing that could happen is as we're getting some level of prosperity back for the country, we leave the most vulnerable worse off than they were before."

Councils have little option but to make huge savings over the next financial year due to the front-loading of cuts imposed by the Coalition.

Kent County Council, for example, must save £95m this year, followed by £65m in 2012-13.

Porchlight has reported consistently high numbers of homeless people needing assistance over the last few months and fears numbers will increase as access to benefits and private accommodation is reduced.

But Mr Fallon defended the Government's position, claiming policies were in place to ensure the most vulnerable members of society are not left to suffer.

He said: "We are protecting those at the bottom. We're taking a million low-paid people out of income tax, increasing the rate of child tax credits, and introducing the pupil premium that will provide more funding for schools in disadvantaged areas.

"We are protecting them but taking away some of the benefits from the top.

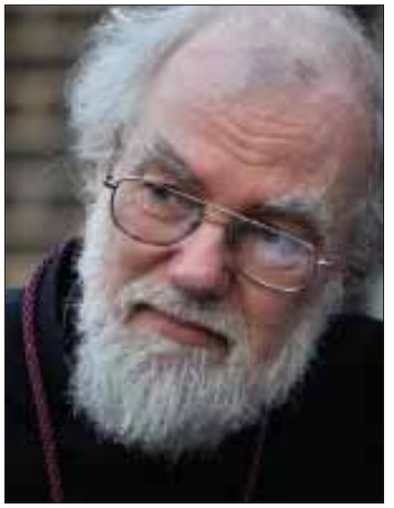
"It's up to the Archbishop to speak exactly as he sees fit, but people should also go and look up what he said in the past about how the previous Labour government plunged us so deep into this debt to begin with."

Mr Fallon was referring to comments made in late 2008 when Dr Williams likened then-Prime Minister Gordon Brown's plans to boost spending in a downturn as like "the addict returning to the drug".

The head of the Church of England visited Craddock House in Canterbury last week to lend his support to a new Porchlight campaign to tackle homelessness in Kent.

The charity is asking members of the public to report evidence of homelessness in the hope it will allow its volunteers to find and help more rough sleepers.

A pilot of the scheme run in Shepway,



CONCERNED: Dr Rowan Williams is worried the vulnerable are being put at risk by cuts

Ashford, Sevenoaks and Tunbridge Wells at the end of last year saw the number of calls to Porchlight's free helpline rise from 723 in the previous month to 900 calls a month.

Dr Williams said: "I think issues around homelessnessare really serious and they're very often pushed under the carpet."

• ***Anyone who suspects someone needs the charity's help should visit www.porchlight.org.uk/changeafuture or call 0800 567 7699.***

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THE countdown is on for the return of Archant KOS Media's celebrated Travel and Leisure Show.

Located at Dover Cruise Terminal, the event is making its welcome comeback from 10am-4pm on Sunday, March 13, and promises to be better than ever. And best of all, it's free.

Visitors will be treated to presentations from industry experts as well as information from a French contingent who are taking part in the show for the first time in its four-year history.

Guests will be in with a chance of winning from a selection of almost 100 prizes donated by KOS Media's exhibitors, including a two-week cruise courtesy of Fred. Olsen Cruise Line.

Other prizes include weekend breaks in the UK or France, entry to some of the county's



most popular attractions and dinner at a selection of top French restaurants.

Tickets for Les Miserables, overnight stays at leading hotels and B&Bs and falconry lessons at Quex Park in Birchington are also up for grabs.

KOS Media events manager Liz Hare said: "Every year the show goes from strength to strength, with many people every year, saying they wouldn't miss it for the world.

"We have a completely new area this year devoted entirely to France, featuring French companies who have come across the Channel to be represented for the first time.

"Since its launch three years ago this show has been very successful, and with the registrations already pouring in and 97 prizes on offer, I hope this year will exceed all expectations."

The show will run during British Tourism Week, which aims to raise awareness of the importance of Britain's visitor economy.

Organisers behind the national event, which runs from March 12-20, gave KOS Media official accreditation for the annual Travel and Leisure Show.

As well as a host of exhibitors from top travel and ferry companies, there will also be information about attractions in Britain and Kent, for those planning to holiday at home.

Owners of the county's historic sites, gardens, attractions and other hidden gems will also be exhibiting.

Last year's show won the praise of the travel industry, with many putting in early reservations to secure display stands for this year.

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CHRIS BRITCHER says our fascination with wildlife is a world away from morbid motorists



Of rubber necks, beached whales and missing Dave

I'VE always found the bizarre phenomenon of rubber-necking at road accidents distasteful.

Personally, I don't have any desire to coo at the misfortune of others or soak up the scene of carnage. I get particularly resentful when I realise the traffic I'm sitting in is being delayed by this crazy pastime.

When you're stuck in a slow-moving jam on the motorway, you can at least console yourself that someone in dire need of help is at the front of it. But if the real reason is that everyone is just slowing down to gawp at the poor so-and-so in the opposite lane, I ponder just what is going on with people.

But sometimes, just sometimes, strange things happen which make you understand why we are fascinated by something which is fundamentally quite morbid.

Take, for example, the washing up in Pegwell Bay last week of a sperm whale. When in deep water, these creatures are among nature's most majestic. Huge, proud, peaceful mammals that rarely veer out of their comfort zone. Add in the fact that the only sizeable thing you see when peering out to sea from the Kent coast is, generally, a cargo ship or a ferry, and creatures like the whale take on an almost mythical status.

After all, it would be a brave aquarium in this day and age which would showcase a whale as a star attraction, let alone have the vast space required to house it – and the protestors making their disgust known outside.

Which makes the tragedy of the sad sight of the sperm whale on the beach all the more remarkable.

Thanet council spent most of the week sending out press releases urging people to stay away and not go near the corpse as it lay motionless in the surf. Quite understandable, too. People edging close to the cliff's edge, wanting to see the spectacle, will be putting themselves in danger. And that's before we get on to the unpleasant issue of quite how to dispose of such a huge lump of meat.

Yet I think we can all be forgiven for wanting to go and see it – a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to set eyes on a creature we only ever read about, or see on telly as we listen to the familiar tones of Sir David Attenborough. And right on our doorstep, too.

The temptation is intense and I'm not sure we should be made to feel bad to want to witness it.

The problem, of course, comes from those for whom catching a glimpse is not enough. I remember going to see if I could spot Dave the dolphin near Folkestone a few years back. Remarkably, as I pulled up, I could see it leaping over the waves almost on cue.

It was wonderful to see it frolicking so close to the shoreline.

Especially having spent a holiday in Scotland where hours were wasted staring over dolphin breeding grounds and seeing nothing more than a curious seal.

But then people in canoes turned up, went alongside the dolphin and did exactly what the authorities had for the previous two months been telling us not to do: stroking and trying to swim with it.

Dave eventually went missing, after sustaining what looked like propeller scars on its back. It spoilt an incredible opportunity for everyone to witness the creature up close. Wishing to see remarkable animals – whether dead or alive – is an instinctive, gut reaction, a curiosity born of fascination.

Which, let us never forget, is a million miles away from wanting to gawp at the blood of the injured in a nasty motorway accident.

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INCOME FROM OVERSEAS STUDENTS VITAL, SAYS CHANCELLOR

Visa hike blow to universities

By **STEVE KNIGHT**

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UNIVERSITY leaders have warned that a planned overhaul of the UK immigration system could seriously harm the future prospects of the higher education sector.

The Coalition wants to double the price of student visas as part of its proposals to limit the effect of spending cuts at the UK Border Agency, which faces a 20 per cent budget reduction over the next four years.

Due to be introduced in April, the new fees regime means foreigners will have to pay £140 for a short-term visa as opposed to £70 at present.

The Government also plans to reduce the number of foreign students studying below degree level, raise the students' language requirements, and limit their entitlement to work and bring their families to the UK.

Seymour Roworth-Stokes is pro-vice chancellor for research and development at the University for the Creative Arts, which has campuses in Canterbury, Rochester and Maidstone.

He is one of many university leaders who fear the changes will put legitimate students off coming to the UK.

"Universities, including UCA, are facing tough economic challenges with cuts in funding, a cap on student places and setting new tuition fees," said Mr Roworth-Stokes.



DETERRENT: Higher costs could discourage foreign students from study in the county

"Before the Government announced it was going to withdraw nearly all the teaching budget in the sector, we had already begun to develop our 'internationalisation strategy' and, in the process, increase the number of overseas students.

"This is of crucial importance to a specialist university which has a reputation for nurturing creative talent worldwide. It also helps to diversify income streams while allowing us to grow and become more efficient, helping to keep costs down.

"Any hasty immigration policies affecting student visas could have a serious effect on the survival of many universities, while also passing on extra costs to students in the UK."

According to the Institute for Public Policy Research, universities in the South East benefit from nearly £381 million a year through international revenue.

Foreign students also spend an estimated £205m supporting local businesses.

Announcing the fees increases last Monday, Ashford Tory MP and immigration minister Damian Green admitted the cost of applying to come to Britain would prove a barrier to some students.

He added: "In principle, it is the right time to ask migrants to make a greater contribution to funding the UK Border Agency.

Borders

"Therefore we should continue to seek a shift in the funding provided by migrants to deliver the border and immigration system.

"It is right that those who benefit from the immigration system should pay to meet the costs of securing the UK's borders."

In addition to the student visa fee increases, the Coalition also plans to increase the costs associated with longer-term applications.

For example, a 10-year visitor's visa is due to go up £52 to £702, while the fee for a joint application for British citizenship will rise from £1,010 to £1,294.

John Slater, director of student recruitment at Canterbury Christ Church University, said: "We have a vibrant and growing international student community, which numbers 1,300.

"Like all other universities who value a culturally diverse student community, we want to encourage genuine overseas students to come to Kent and Medway to study, and we hope this will not be inhibited in the future."

The University of Kent declined to comment to KoS.

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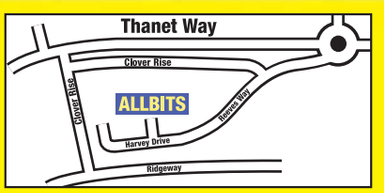
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Bridging conservation gap for rare dormice

By **STEVE KNIGHT**

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UNIQUE bridges that enable dormice to cross the road will be among the topics discussed at a conference dedicated to the protected species.

Last year, a council in south Wales spent £190,000 on wire mesh tubes suspended between trees and poles to help the tiny mammals get from one side of a new bypass to the other. Dormice populations have suffered a 70 per cent loss in the last 25 years and there are thought to be only 40,000 left in the UK, including the hazel dormouse most commonly found in Kent.

In an attempt to raise awareness of their plight, the Kent Mammal Group is organising a conference to be held at the University of Greenwich's Medway campus. Group president Ken West said the potential for dormice crossings would be discussed at the event, but stopped short of personally endorsing the idea.

"We know that if the dormice get desperate enough for food, they will attempt to cross roads," he said. "But then they obviously put themselves in great danger; not only because of vehicles but also because of predators.

"The issue of building bridges is contentious because not enough research has been carried out to see if they would even use them. The need has possibly been exaggerated."





AT RISK: There are only about 40,000 dormice in the UK, but they are protected by law

More than a decade ago the Kent Mammal Group helped collect about 100 dormice living in the path of the Channel Tunnel rail link before moving them to other parts of the UK where the creatures had vanished.

Mr West said it showed how seriously the issue of conservation is taken by developers.

"To receive planning consent you have to show you are doing everything you can to mitigate the stress protected species may be put under," he said. "It can be very difficult to build a home on a site known to be used by dormice, and it's the same for roads and railways.

"You'll never stop a road being built, but you can delay it so a protected species can be moved first. If we didn't such animals would become extinct very quickly and that's something we want to avoid."

Recognisable by its furred bushy tail and orange-brown colour, the hazel dormouse lives in woodland, scrub and hedgerows. It rarely ventures to ground level, except during the winter when it hibernates under tree roots.

Debbie Bartlett from the University of Greenwich said: "The conference provides an excellent opportunity for students to learn from the experts.

"They will gain in-depth knowledge about this fascinating animal, which is highly valued and protected under European, as well as UK, legislation. We are delighted to work with Kent Mammal Group and support its work."

The conference is from 9am to 4.50pm on Saturday.

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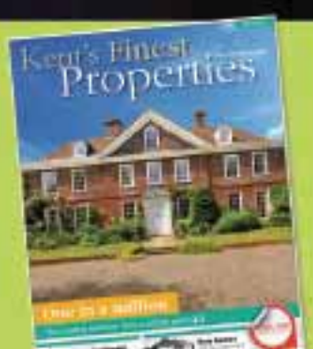
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NORTHERN TERRITORIES: An area strikingly rich in Aboriginal history and natural beauty

Lure of Uluru

By **KIM PILLING**

YOU need a 4x4, a pass and details of petrol stations before you set out on the scenic desert route from Alice Springs to Watarrka National Park, home to the awesome chasm of Kings Canyon.

During the daunting 450km drive, the Mereenie Loop Road takes you through the dusty heart of Aboriginal country. Strict rules permit stops in designated rest areas only, with visitors forbidden to undertake either picnics or walks.

Save for the serene sight of Brumby wild horses roaming loose and free, there are not too many signs of life here.

The eeriness is heightened by passing Gosse Bluff, thought to be a giant crater created by a comet impact more than 100 million years ago. However, the Aborigines believe a group of celestial women were dancing as stars and one dropped a baby whose fall to earth shook the rocks upward.

The walls of Kings Canyon are nearly 1,000 feet high, and part of the gorge is a sacred Aboriginal site. But even when you pause to take in the breathtaking views, you sense the place may still be unfairly overshadowed by nearby Uluru.

The three-hour Rim Walk around the canyon in time to catch sunrise above the 450m-high red cliff faces is the highlight.

Along the route are the Lost City, a basin of bare rock that was once a beach 400 million years ago, and the Garden of Eden, a lush green valley that leads to a pool throwing up some amazing reflections from the cliffs.

Soon it's time to get back on the road and drive the 350km stretch to Uluru, or Ayers Rock, which proudly rests in the middle of nowhere. Its strong resistance to erosion is



the geological reason for its existence, but mystical elements are at play, say traditional Aboriginal landowners.

The Anangu people believe Uluru – like the rest of the country – was created by their ancestors in the form of people, plants and animals travelling across the land.

The Kuniya Walk Tour was a good starting point to explore further. An Anangu guide takes you to the base of Uluru to explain how their forebears left their mark on the various ridges and markings on the rock face. Given the spiritual significance of Uluru, it's no surprise to be told it's not cool to climb the rock.

Camera-clickers are well served by the 'Sunset Experience' for that perfect shot in front of the rock.

Four-star, five-star and luxury tent accommodation are available, but more modest lodges and campground are an alternative.

There's plenty of soul, too, just east of Alice Springs at Honeymoon Gap.

I hooked up with Wayoutback Desert Safaris to drop in and meet Aboriginal couple John and Marilyn Cavanagh. They took us on a stroll against the backdrop of a spectacular sandstone mountain range to explain how their Arrernte ancestors survived in the bush using nature for food and healthcare.

A couple of needles from a plant did wonders for a wart on my right thumb, as John explained how a bush cream of plant leaves, beeswax and olive oil, coupled with traditional singing, helped cure his broken back when a horse fell on top of him!

All this mysticism has nourished my mind and spirit, but my body needed a break after all that driving.

A flight to Adelaide presents an attractive second stop in Australia for stays of up to two weeks. It's surprising how much you can cram into a holiday in Oz with a bit of planning.

The bustling capital of South Australia certainly packs a punch. It's known as the 20-minute city, with short drives to the beaches of North Adelaide and the vineyards of the Adelaide Hills and a 20-minute walk to cover the city attractions and its cosmopolitan restaurants.

Both Northern Territory and South Australia confirm what a diverse and vast nation this is. Rather than attempting to 'do Australia' in one trip, it's worth making several journeys to appreciate its wonder.

Travel facts

- Kim Pilling was a guest of Tourism Australia, which helps with planning of individual holidays
- Enquiries: www.tourism.australia.com or ask your local travel agent.
- A Qantas package, incl flights ex-Heathrow to Alice Springs (via Melbourne), Ayers Rock to Adelaide (via Alice Springs), and Adelaide-London (via either Melbourne or Singapore) starts at £1,038 (incl taxes and surcharges) on early departures April 16-June 20.
- Qantas Holidays package including Ayers Rock, two nights at The Lost Camel, three days/two nights Uluru Red Centre and Goanna Dreaming, two nights Alice Springs and four nights at Crown Plaza Hotel, Adelaide, leads in at £2,199, on deps April 16-June 20.
- Qantas Holidays: 0208 222 9124 and www.qantasholidays.co.uk.

Staring down the barrel

Derek Hussey talks about filling Ian Dury's shoes

Review

BY **ED HILL**

REPLACING a front man in a band is always difficult.

It's hard to imagine The Rolling Stones without Mick Jagger, for example, so when the Blockheads needed someone to take the place of the legendary Ian Dury they avoided some session man brought in to fulfil a few concert commitments.

Derek Hussey was a close friend of the pub-rock poet who started the band back in the mid 70s.

He met Dury at the beginning of the 90s and they began to hang out together at each others' homes in west London. It was not long before Dury, who had been disabled by polio as a boy, asked Hussey to help him out on tour.

"He had not gigged for a while and the band had to do a show for Madstock," said Hussey. "Mickey Gallagher [the keyboard player] used to look after him, but Ian said he was a musician so he should concentrate on that and not have to deal with him. He said you can drive me to gigs and we can hang out together."

Hussey had been successful running his own business in the special-effects industry. His work can be seen on films such as Alien and Braveheart, where plastic-made costumes and props are given a special coating to make them look realistically metallic.

He said: "I had always been my own boss, so I was able to make the time to go on tour. Ian said to me 'The only job you have to do is help me up if I fall over – other than that you can do what you like'."

This informal arrangement had other benefits when it came to dealing with Dury's legendary temper.

"It wasn't a paid job – we were mates. I wasn't going to be his dog's body or minder. There were no strings attached and he couldn't go over the top with me because he wasn't paying me anything.

"I had an ability to keep a check on him and the band loved that because up until then one of them would have to cope with him," said Hussey.

If hotel staff got a hard time from Dury, it was always for some legitimate reason, says Hussey, but his anger meant problems got dealt with quickly.

He said: "Ian always had to have the last word about everything. I think being demanding was something that he had learnt growing up and dealing with the polio. A lot of the time people just found it easier to allow him to be like that. "

Derek the Draw, as he became known, spent more time with the Blockheads and his role grew. He would help Dury, who was now also dealing with terminal cancer, on and off stage and join in with the percussion.

Dury died in March 2000, but there was still a demand to hear Dury's unique lyrics and music created by one of the most talented bunch of musicians in the business.

Comedian Phil Jupitas stepped in for a few tribute gigs with the rest of the band sharing the songs, but this was never going to be a long-term answer.

Then in rehearsals Hussey was asked to take the microphone and he soon found himself performing live. He was lead vocals on half the band's songs, with guitarist John Turnbull doing the others.

Joining in

Hussey said: "I was doing the new songs and Johnny was doing the hits. Then he was away for four weeks, so I had to learn the rest.

"When he came back, the band said actually it sounds better when Derek does them. Johnny is a great singer, but he is almost too good. Ian's work wasn't really singing in the traditional sense. It's just important people can hear all the words."

Hussey had also started collaborating with Chaz Jankel, who wrote the music for the Blockheads' biggest hits such as Hit Me With Your Rhythm Stick and Sex And Drugs And Rock and Roll.

He wrote the words for 10 songs on the group's last album, Staring Down The Barrel, which was released in 2009.

He said: "Working with Chaz is fantastic because he has a lot of patience and a way of coaxing stuff out of you even when you think the tank is empty. He can wrap a tune around almost any lyric that I do."

Many praised the album for sounding like a Blockhead creation, thinking it was made up of previously unheard-of Dury content. However, Hussey knows there is no point trying to imitate his old friend.

He said: "I don't try to copy Ian when it comes to what I write about. He was a character-based writer who would write about what he saw and the people he met.

"My approach is based on the issues that I want to talk about and the things that give me the hump. It is important to keep that humour with the Blockheads because that is our trademark and it makes the writing process more open."

The band continue to tour and write new songs. Hussey says they want to work them into the set before going through the expensive process of releasing a new album.

He said: "It has been a big learning curve, but I have had a seven- or eight-year apprenticeship. It's not a job for the faint-hearted. The Blockheads are such a bunch of individuals, it's every man for himself out there."

• ***The Blockheads will be performing at the East Quay in Whitstable on Saturday, April 30. Tickets £15. See www.whitlive.co.uk for details.***



HIT ME: The Blockheads today; Derek Hussey is pictured centre

ATTRACTIONS

A fair day for your wedding



BRIDES-to-be can plan their dream wedding, pick out their perfect dress and even win £2,000 off their dream honeymoon at this weekend's Quex Park Wedding Fayre near Birchington.

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The Quex Park wedding and function room, The Hannah Dining Suite, will also be available to view, while dedicated wedding consultants will be on hand to assist you in tailoring your most memorable day for you.

But the highlight of the day will be the Grand Prize Draw offering brides and grooms the opportunity to win a stunning £2,000 off the cost of their chosen dream honeymoon. The prize is sponsored by Quex Park and Trailblazer Travel.

In addition, there will be presentation gift-vouchers worth £200 for everyone who registers on the day. These can be redeemed on the day when you book a wedding at the fayre or make an appointment to book a viewing of the wedding venue on a future date.

Entry is free to the event, on Sunday (March 6) from 11am to 4pm. For details, phone 01843 482004 or visit www.quexpark.co.uk.



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Volunteers and staff want to know if you were on, or know of someone who was on, the last passenger train that travelled between Robertsbridge and Tenterden on that date.

Passengers from this historic day are invited to contact the Kent & East Sussex Railway to be part of a re-enactment journey taking place on June 11 this year to mark the 50-year anniversary.

Those who remember the railway's historic last journey and want to relive the experience will be able to do so on the 10.40am departure from Tenterden.

To reserve your place on this historic journey, phone the booking office on 01580 785155.

The same locomotives from June 11, 1961, will be used to haul the passenger train for the re-enactment event, with Martello No 32662 and Bodiam No 32670 painted black to ensure complete authenticity. On this date the railway will also be celebrating the formation of the preservation society, which restored the railway after its closure in 1961 due to lack of passengers.



Today the Kent and East Sussex Railway is a historical landmark that welcomes 100,000 visitors each year to experience the nostalgic past of steam-train travel when this was the superior form of transport.

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There you will find TV medium Colin Fry entertaining audiences.

The best-selling author says he stopped doing personal sessions with clients after his waiting list reached more than two million. Now he concentrates on the lucrative world of performing live for his fans.

He can been seen regularly on television shows including 6th Sense, Psychic Private Eyes, The Three Mediums and Colin Fry Live! He is also a registered healer and a patron of the World Federation of Healing.



His show will be at the Central Theatre on Friday, March 11, at 7.30pm.

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The Gruffolo's Child is the sequel to the Tall Stories Theatre Company's original stage adaptation of the picture book by Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler.

One wild and windy night the Gruffalo's child ignores her father's warning and tiptoes out into the snow.

After all, the big bad mouse doesn't really exist, or does he?

As the story says, "no Gruffalo should ever set foot in the deep dark wood."

The performance at the Gulbenkian follows a sell-out run of the musical adaptation in the West End.

The show will be at the Canterbury theatre on Tuesday and Wednesday, March 15-16.

On the Tuesday there will be shows at 1.30pm and 4.30pm. On Wednesday the shows will be at 11am and 4.30pm.

Phone 01227 769075 or visit www.thegulbenkian.co.uk for tickets or more information.

Calling all young thespians, Camp Rock needs you

WOULD you like to take part in a stage adaptation of Disney's smash hit Camp Rock? Well, now's your chance.

Production company Evolution is auditioning for a cast of young performers for this spectacular, large-scale production.

Evolution is run by Paul Hendy and Emily Wood, who are best known for producing the ever-popular pantomimes at The Marlowe Theatre in Canterbury and The Central Theatre in Chatham.

They are looking for young performers who can sing, dance or act for the stage version of one of Disney's most popular films.

The show will rehearse and perform during the Easter school holidays – there will be week-long intensive rehearsal workshops in both Canterbury and Rochester to enable young people from both areas to participate.

To take part, simply come along to an audition on Saturday (March 5) between 1pm and 3pm at Canterbury College or Sunday (March 6) between 1.30pm and 3.30pm at the Thomas Aveling School in Rochester.

You don't need to prepare anything – you'll be given a short script to read and taught a simple dance routine.

"This is a brilliant opportunity for young performers to take part in an exciting, upbeat musical.

"It's going to be energetic, contemporary and, most of all, lots of fun," said Hendy.

Are you game for the outdoors?

LOVERS of the great outdoors will be delighted to hear that the Kent Game & Equine Festival is being held at Detling this month.



GO FISHING: Charles Jardine will be at the festival

The first of the popular regional game fairs will hit the Kent Showground, with more than 10,000 fans expected to attend.

This long-established event is a celebration of countryside life from fishing and shooting to traditional crafts and locally-produced food, with an exciting array of equestrian entertainment and education.

The indoor Supreme Equine Arena will feature international showjumpers Graham and Tina Fletcher, a native stallion parade and a sports and competition stallion parade, together with a fast-paced Pony Club Horse & Hound showjumping challenge and more.

And if you are a fishing fan, then be prepared for a treat, as Britain's most internationally-renowned fisherman, Charles Jardine, will be demonstrating his skills and offering coaching.

Jardine , who started fishing at the age of three, is regarded as one of the top fishermen of his generation, having competed internationally and representing England at two Commonwealth finals, where he won two team gold medals and an individual bronze.

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RESTAURANT REVIEW

BY **ED HILL**



THE worst experience you are likely to have eating out is on Valentine's Day.

Restaurants are inevitably packed, staff are stressed and the cooks are throwing food on to the plate just to get it out of the door.

With this in mind, my partner and I decided to avoid February 14 and go out a day early instead.

Unromantic maybe, possibly unlucky, but pragmatic, and as this year's lovers' day fell on a Monday it also seemed a nice way to round off the weekend.

We plumped for Samphire restaurant in Whitstable. This small premises is situated on the high street very close to the Duke Of Cumberland pub.

If you have reserved a table, your name is chalked on its top. For those who want to keep a low profile for an illicit liaison, this might be a bit troublesome, but personally I thought it was a nice touch.

The décor is rustic. The tables have rough surfaces, there is an assortment of chairs and tables, and the floor levels rise and fall, meaning you can end up tipped over your dinner. There's certainly a lack of pretension about the place.

Delicacies

Samphire describes its food as modern British. As ever these days, ingredients are sourced locally and foraged delicacies usually give each dish a certain flourish. The fare also changes with the seasons.

Indeed, looking at the menu, as much thought goes into the starters as into the main course.

I could have opted for Godmersham pigeon with chestnut and sage sausage and mulled wine syrup, at more than £8 a slightly hefty price for a starter but no doubt worth a try.

However, I am a bit conservative when it comes to starters. I like my entrée to be light just to get the juices going or at least as different from my main course as possible.

On a cold winter's night the soup seemed a good option (OK, I admit it, it was also the cheapest at £4.95). It may have been plain old leek and potato, but there was nothing plain about the taste.

The steaming bowl came with semi-leavened bread which seemed more like cake rather than a French stick, but it partnered the thick soup well.

Moving on to the main course, there was an attractive, varied selection. It was good to see some interesting vegetarian dishes on the board, too.

My partner is a committed veggie (not the pretend ones who allow themselves fish), so sometimes eating out can be disappointing for her as she is faced with yet another bowl of vegetable risotto.

The chefs at Samphire obviously want to ensure vegetarian customers don't feel like second-class citizens.

She had roast butternut squash and Twineham Grange (English parmesan) pie (£13.50), while I went for steak-and-imperial-oyster pudding, roasted root vegetables and stout gravy (£17).

Not being a fan of kidneys, the oysters made a superb alternative, absorbing the taste of the thick gravy in the suet casing.

The evening was rounded off by a really tasty treacle tart for my partner my vanilla crème brûlée, served out of the dish, which made a nice change.

Samphire is a real find. It has friendly staff and genuinely interesting dishes at prices that are not off the scale.

I can't think of a better way (not) to spend Valentine's night.

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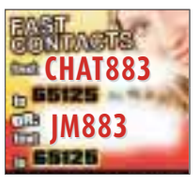
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TALL slim brunette, just 21yrs seeks interesting older male who knows what's what, show me the ways of the world. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 356969**

SOUTH London Lady, full figure with long hair, curves in all the right places. WLTM male of any age for fun, friendship and more **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 356989**

FUN loving student, 21yrs, seeks male of any age for fun in London, can travel and accommodate, I love a risk and having fun **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 356981**

FOREIGN beauty, long, long hair, 20's yrs, seeks older male who can spoil someone like me. London area. Discretion assured. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 356967**

BUBBLY outgoing nurse, (I love my uniform), fancy meeting up North London for some fun loving fun **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 356983**

ATTRACTIVE lady, curvy and fun, looking for an uncomplicated fun only discreet relationship, after work etc, any area London. Discretion assured and expected please **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 356991**

BABE seeks mature white male for discreet fun, you won't be sorry I know how to treat my man. Any area London **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 356997**

64YR old female, 5ft 2ins, GSOH, likes golf, seeks male with GSOH for friendship, days out, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 339581**

LONELY female, petite, attractive, size 8-10, blue eyes, long hair, likes historic places, holidays, meals out, seeks honest, genuine male for friendship initially. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 356359**

CRYSTAL 5ft 6ins, long dark hair, hazel eyes, olive skin, seeks male. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 383374**

SEALED with a kiss. 37yr old single mum, blonde hair, blue eyes, curvy, likes sunshine, travel, looking for Knight in shining armour, to make me laugh and spoil me. Folkestone. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 355543**

LADY 44, GSOH, short, curvy, dark hair, seeks good guy for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 355391**

DEBBIE mid 50's, attractive, likes dancing, music, cinema, theatre, seeks male for companionship. Maidstone. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 351419**

LATE 40's female, likes most things, animals, walks, cinema, seeks male 45-59 for good times. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 348941**

56YR old female, 5ft 6ins, GSOH, N/S, likes socialising, cards, dancing, racket ball, seeks male, 50-65. Maidstone. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 353773**

BLACK female, likes meals out, theatre, seeks solvent white male, 30-47 for genuine relationship. Ashford. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 382910**

CLARE 31, likes swimming, gym, socialising, meals out, sightseeing, seeks male. Ramsgate. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 353243**

ATTRACTIVE slim single mum, 44, seeks similar tall male, 40-50, caring, loving and loyal, are you? **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 334393**

VICKY attractive, kind, down to earth, black British, likes travel, writing, reading, cooking, socialising, seeks generous, good man who is family orientated. Essex. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 353033**

FIT lady, 65, thinks she's 40, N/S, loves life, seeks genuine gent, 60-70 N/S for happy loving, exciting times. Gravesend. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 353111**

ATTRACTIVE fun, friendly blonde, seeks fun guy. Sutton. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 382502**

BEAUTIFUL slim, babe, 22, seeks older, generous guy 65 plus who knows how to pamper. London. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 348545**

ATTRACTIVE outgoing 64yr old lady, seeks genuine, retired, solvent, professional male for friendship. Kent. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 351929**

Men Seeking

BLACK male, 46, 5ft 11ins, own home/teeth, likes working out, music, seeks female, any race for LTR. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 383860**

WOULD a youngish lady consider friendship with white, kind, generous, active, elderly gent. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 361195**

BRIAN 48, 5ft 9ins, medium build, told attractive, easygoing, likes pubs, meals out, cinema, seeks attractive white female, 35-48 for LTR. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 361199**

MID 50's male, easygoing, understanding, likes normal things, seeks female to share life with. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 332397**

BLOND male, 47, PA/secretary, easygoing, likes fashion, shopping, dancing, travel, seeks similar smart female who loves to chat and dance. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 361011**

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61YR old male, loving, caring, likes motorsports, seeks female, 60-63 for meals out, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 360919**

TALL slim, fit, N/S 52yr old guy, seeks likeminded female for no strings attached fun. Discretion assured and expected. London. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 384450**

PROFESSIONAL male, 58, honest, reliable, fun, likes sports, travel, seeks attractive female for possible LTR. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 360777**

MEDITERRANEAN male, 45, well off, seeks nice female, 20-40 for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 347569**

MALE seeks female for private relationship. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 360707**

KEITH 57, tall, likes paranormal, Star Trek, seeks kind, honest loyal female Trekkie for relationship. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 360693**

I'M Smart, looking for someone to take my heart!, gentleman 59, seeking N/S genuine lady for good conversation and romantic dates. Leading to long term relationship. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 358069**

HELPFUL attractive, young 43 male, 5ft 7ins, homely, family type, seeks pretty, petite, slim female for everlasting love. Dartford. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 357207**

HANDSOME male, seeks female for nights out and fun times. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 360729**

GOOD looking straight male, 52, likes CD, seeks understanding lady, any age for fun times. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 384436**

BLACK male, 43, kind, caring, easygoing, seeks white female, 38-50 for lasting relationship. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 360727**

24YR old nice male, seeks female of any age. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 384428**

MALE 6ft, good looking, medium build, WLTM large female, 35-50 for friendship. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 384422**

JAMES 47, varied interests, genuine, positive, GSOH, seeks female for TLC, love and friendship. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 360531**

MALE seeks female, 62-65 for friendship, maybe more. Herne Bay. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 383474**

GLEN 48, 6ft 3ins, blue eyes, likes cinema, walks, coast, seeks female, 45-50. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 360491**

ATTRACTIVE blond, blue eyed male, 47, HIV positive, genuine, sincere, GSOH, OHAC, seeks warm, sincere, female. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 360545**

MALE seeks sincere, loyal female, 40-55 to share life together. That's all I need. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 360417**

59YR old male, 5ft 8ins, medium build, smoker, GSOH, honest, down to earth, likes music, sunshine, walks, home life, holidays, days out, seeks female for LTR. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 349741**

MALE 57, own home, works full time, seeks lady 45-62 for companionship. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 360381**

RICHARD 46, dark hair, 5ft 6ins, medium build, caring, loving, likes walks, cinema, meals out, DVDs, music, seeks female, 38-57 for loving relationship. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 359801**

FUN loving male, 42, professional, OHAC, likes good things in life, seeks warm, sincere female for LTR. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 360675**

DOWN to earth, genuine, nice looking, slim, 5ft 7ins guy, likes cinema, walks, home life, seeks pretty, petite, slim, 4ft 10ins-5ft 2ins female for honest, loving LTR. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 360691**

TONY 51, hardworking, GSOH, young at heart, seeks female, 35-50 for fun, excitement and maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 359857**

32YR old male, outgoing, fun loving, seeks female for naughty fun. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 384356**

WILLIAM young 65, fit, active, N/S, non drinker, seeks Christian female who enjoys the simple things in life. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 350833**

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VERY handsome black male, tall, athletic, seeks female of any age for fun, friendship and relationship. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 384328**

HANDSOME black male, tall, slim, athletic, seeks female, any age for fun times. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 380278**

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6FT 3ins male, honest, genuine, seeks likeminded queen, any age/looks. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 383796**

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JIM 63, seeks young female, 58-68 for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 359949**

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ADAM charming 44, seeks slim, good looking, adventurous lady for daytime fun and frolics. Discretion assured. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 384226**

YOUNG late 60's male, 5ft 9ins, slim, active, likes dancing, coast walks, drama, theatre, seeks cuddly lady for romance and possible LTR. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 338001**

Gay Seeking

STEVE mid 40's, seeks guy of similar age for fun. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 360991**

KEVIN 34, 6ft 2ins, blond hair, medium build, toned, young boyish good looks likes nights out, sports, holidays, seeks similar male, any age for adventurous fun times. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 355984**

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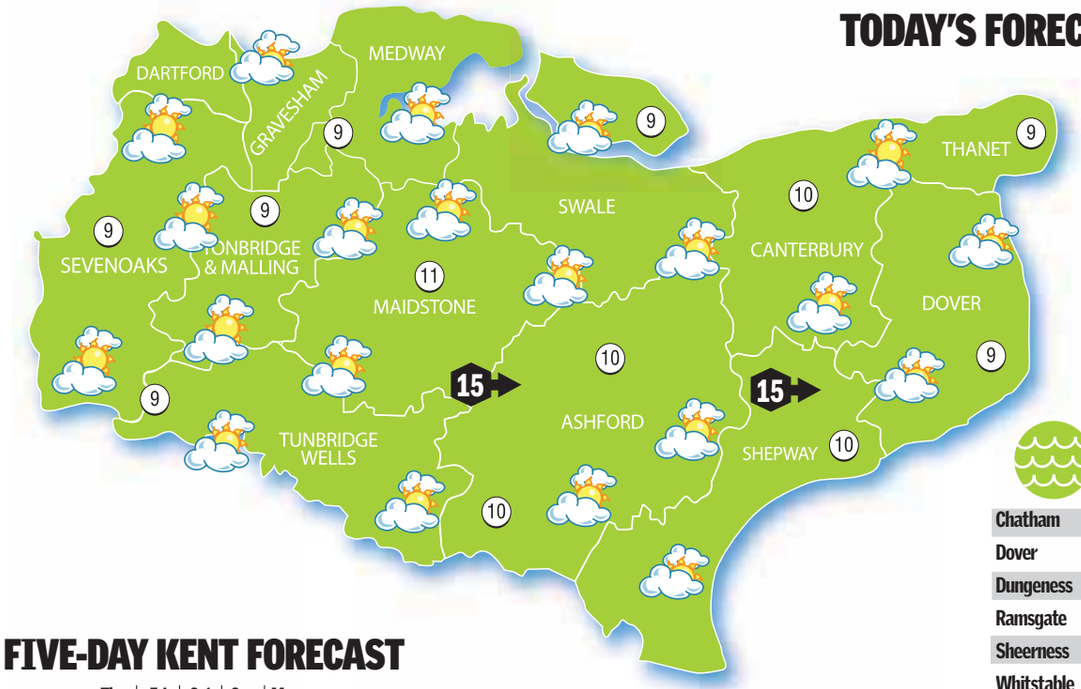
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Athens	8°C	New York	11°C
Barcelona	15°C	Paris	7°C
Beijing	9°C	Rome	12°C
Bombay	37°C	Sydney	23°C
Cape Town	28°C	Tenerife	21°C
Cardiff	6°C	Tokyo	2°C
Gibraltar	15°C	Vancouver	7°C
Hong Kong	20°C	Warsaw	0°C
Las Palmas	21°C	Wellington	14°C

KENT'S WEEKEND HIGH TIDES

Chatham	Saturday	5:02pm	5.1m	Sunday	5:58pm	4.8m
Dover	Saturday	3:05pm	5.6m	Sunday	4:17pm	5.3m
Dungeness	Saturday	3:22pm	6.5m	Sunday	4:24pm	6.0m
Ramsgate	Saturday	3:35pm	4.3m	Sunday	4:47pm	4.0m
Sheerness	Saturday	4:51pm	5.0m	Sunday	5:47pm	4.7m
Whitstable	Saturday	4:41pm	4.6m	Sunday	5:41pm	4.5m

FIVE-DAY KENT FORECAST

	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon
Ashford	12°C	11°C	11°C	10°C	10°C
Canterbury	10°C	10°C	11°C	10°C	11°C
Chatham	10°C	9°C	11°C	9°C	8°C
Dartford	12°C	11°C	12°C	11°C	11°C
Dover	9°C	9°C	9°C	10°C	10°C
Faversham	10°C	9°C	11°C	9°C	8°C
Folkestone	9°C	9°C	9°C	10°C	10°C
Gillingham	10°C	9°C	11°C	9°C	8°C
Gravesend	12°C	11°C	12°C	11°C	11°C
Maidstone	11°C	10°C	11°C	11°C	11°C
Ramsgate	10°C	10°C	11°C	10°C	11°C
Rochester	10°C	9°C	11°C	9°C	8°C
Sevenoaks	9°C	9°C	10°C	9°C	9°C
Sittingbourne	10°C	9°C	11°C	9°C	8°C
Tonbridge	11°C	10°C	10°C	10°C	11°C
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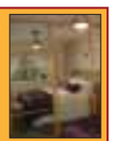
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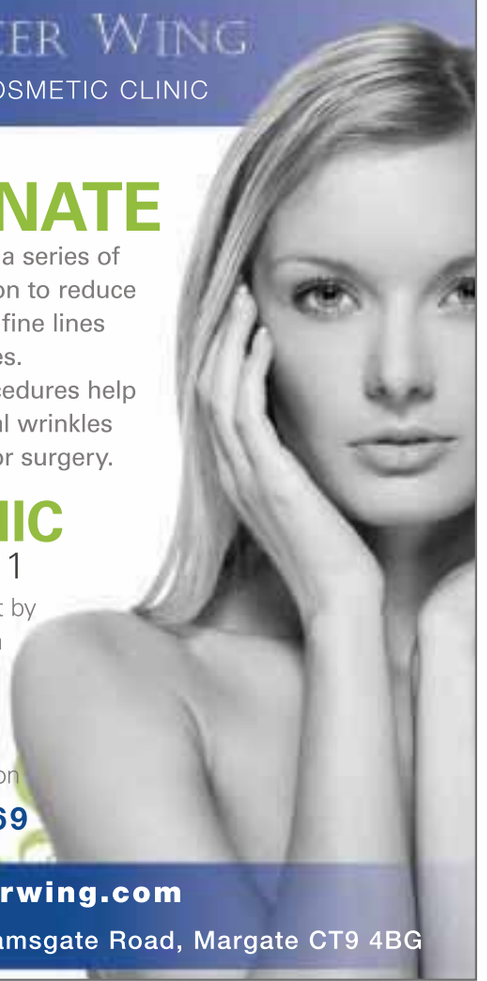
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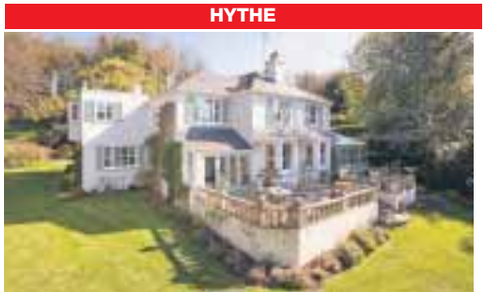
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Thirty staff completed a City and Guilds course funded by county tourism champion Visit Kent, emphasising the importance of providing good customer service to people of all ages and nationalities.

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Chief executive Charles Buchanan said: "Training and developing our staff is a key commitment of Manston airport, as is making sure we provide the best service to all our customers.

"We are delighted to have been working with Visit Kent to ensure all our staff who deal directly with passengers are fully trained in the latest customer service practices.

Attractions

"We look forward to the next element of this programme – familiarising our customer service team with the huge range of tourist attractions and services Thanet and east Kent have to offer."

All 30 staff successfully completed their City and Guilds Welcome Host Gold training and are now 'quality assured' to meet and greet passengers landing at the airport.

Visit Kent chief executive Sandra Matthews-Marsh said: "Manston is a tremendous asset to our county. When passengers land there we know they will be given the warmest welcome to Kent possible.

"Those first impressions will make a huge difference to people coming to our county on business, for a short break or longer holiday, or to share in the 2012 Olympic celebrations."

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Confidence is key to breaking the barrier

By **STEVE KNIGHT**

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A TRAINING provider dedicated to reducing the number of people on benefits has helped more than 1,600 Kent job-seekers secure employment in the last three years.

The national welfare-to-work organisation TNG – which has offices in Canterbury, Chatham, Gravesend, Sheppey, Ramsgate and Sittingbourne – finds jobs for one-in-three people who walk through its doors in the county.

Part of the Avanta Group, the service specialises in helping people who suffer from particular barriers including a lack of qualifications or work experience, low confidence, health-related issues, childcare problems, a criminal record, and so on.

One success story is Rebecca Youdle, 18, from Chatham, who left school at 16 and was so painfully shy that the thought of an interview terrified her.

"I didn't think I would get any benefit from going to TNG but thought I would give it a go anyway," said Rebecca, who is now working in a supermarket thanks to the help of her personal job adviser, Mark Flitter.



WORKING: TNG aims to break barriers

"As it turned out, TNG was incredibly helpful. I learned job search skills that actually work, I learned how to compile a CV and how to tailor it to different employers, I learned interview techniques and, importantly, I learned to persevere and not give up."

In addition to helping people into work, TNG also delivers training to employed people wishing to gain vocational qualifications, develop new skills and improve their career prospects.

The organisation specialises in assisting harder-to-reach groups such as the long-term unemployed, lone parents, people with disabilities, and ethnic minorities.

Kent regional manager Heidi Griffin said: "At TNG we don't just help people work on their CV and give them a pile of job adverts. That doesn't help. We look at addressing the real issues around their unemployment, and almost everyone we see has a confidence issue.When someone becomes unemployed their confidence often takes a real knock.

"Unsuccessful applications, especially in challenging economic times such as these, can be demoralising and lead to a real lack of motivation.

"Rebecca is a good example of the work TNG does across the county. We worked with her to identify her barriers and helped her to take steps to address them.

"We can't solve every problem but we can help and support people as they take steps in the right direction.

"Rebecca wanted to work but she had lost motivation and confidence after being rejected. We helped her address those issues and, alongside our other workshops, she was able to find work and move off benefits."

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Healthy competition for paramedic degree slots

ASPIRING paramedics are competing for a place on a new degree course offered by the University of Greenwich at Medway.

The BSc in paramedic science combines learning in the workplace – as part of an ambulance crew – with academic study, assessments and laboratory exercises.

Delivered in partnership with the South East Coast Ambulance NHS Trust, the degree programme has already attracted more than 230 applicants competing for just 15 available places.

Programme leader Dave Kerr said: "This is a degree that leads directly to a professional job and promising career path, so we're seeing more and more people regarding life as a paramedic as a serious option.

"The role has grown beyond recognition in recent years. Paramedics may once have been perceived merely as ambulance drivers but now they have responsibility for all sorts of areas of pre-hospital patient care.

"They have to make on-the-spot assessments about what care is needed and are also expected to diagnose heart attacks, for example, or administer some types of drugs."

Greenwich has invested heavily in facilities for the new degree, including two fully-equipped laboratories which have all the medical equipment used by paramedics in practice.

They also contain life-sized mannequins, specially developed to replicate the chest movements and breathing patterns of real-life patients who may be suffering heart attacks or strokes.

Mr Kerr said: "The degree programme will be producing graduates with a tremendous range of skills, which will benefit local health services.

"Increasingly, registered paramedics are to be found working for institutions other than ambulance trusts such as out-of-hours GP providers, minor injuries units, walk-in centres and various health providers.

"I also expect to see many of our graduates quickly progressing to senior roles."



LONG ARM OF THE ARM: Students made a training film for Kent Police

It's an even fairer cop

PERFORMING arts students at K College took part in a project designed to promote the Equality Act to Kent Police.

They spent two days filming scenarios at the police training school in Maidstone, which will be used as an e-learning tool for officers and support staff.

A spokesman said: "The project provided an opportunity for community engagement for the police and a real-life work experience for the actors, giving our students a chance to extend their performance skills in a real workplace situation. The scenarios cover discrimination around gender, age, sexual orientation, race and disability."

The spokesman added that the training tool has a potential audience of 6,000 police personnel across Kent.

Course's clear career goal

BEXLEY College has teamed up with Charlton Athletic FC to offer a sports coaching qualification for 16 to 18-year-olds.

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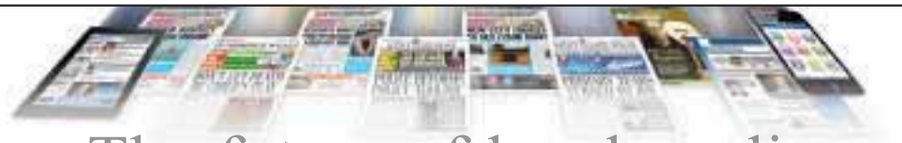
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CLOSING DATE: Wednesday 16 March 2011

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Interviews: Week commencing 21st March 2011

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sdunster@
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PUBLIC NOTICE

APPLICATION FOR THE VARIATION OF A PREMISES LICENCE

We Edwards Beers and Wines Ltd give notice that we have made an application to the Maidstone Borough Council, Maidstone House, King Street, Maidstone, Kent ME15 6JQ for variation of the following licensable activities;

1. The hours for sale of alcohol by retail

In respect of the premises situated at 104, Week Street, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1RH known by the sign of Premier Cellar.

The application can be viewed at the offices of Maidstone Borough Council Council, Maidstone House, King Street, Maidstone, Kent ME15 6JQ during normal office hours or visit website www.maidstone.gov.uk

Any person wishing to make representation concerning this application should do so in writing to the above local authority and within 28 consecutive days of the submission of the application, that is no later than 31st March 2011

It is an offence knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in connection with an application. Any person who makes a false statement is liable on summary conviction to a maximum fine of £5,000.

Stephen Thomas LAW
8 Grassmere, Leybourne, West Malling, Kent ME19 5QP
Authorised Agents for and on behalf of the applicants.

Public Notice

I Benoy Sebastian are applying for a new Premises License at the Pioneer Food Land, 9 Canterbury Street, Gillingham, ME7 5TP. My application is made to Medway Council, Gun Wharf, Dock Road, Chatham, Kent ME4 4TR. I am applying for the following licensable activities Sale of Alchohol (7am – 11pm, Monday – Sunday)

Should you make representations to the Council it must be in writing and/or you can view my application by contacting the Council on 01634 337107 or 377108 by 31st March 2011.

It is an offence to knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in connection with an application. A person guilty of an offence under this section is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding £5,000.

Goods Vehicle Operator's Licence

Susan Jayne Armstrong trading as S J Armstrong of 11 Medway Road, Crayford, Dartford, Kent DA1 4PN is applying to change an existing licence as follows

- to keep an extra 1 goods vehicle and 1 trailer at the operating centre at Unit 8 Mulberry Way, Belvedere, Kent, DA17 6AN

Owners or occupiers of land (including buildings) near the operating centre(s) who believe that their use or enjoyment of that land would be affected, should make written representations to the Traffic Commissioner at Hillcrest House, 386 Harehills Lane, Leeds, LS9 6NF stating their reasons, within 21 days of this notice. Representors must at the same time send a copy of their representations to the applicant at the address given at the top of this notice. A Guide to Making Representations is available from the Traffic Commissioner's Office.

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CVs without an application form will not be accepted.

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Council Tax 2011/12
For the Borough of Tunbridge Wells

On 23 February 2011, the Borough Council set the Council Tax for the financial year 1st April 2011 to 31st March 2012

The charges are as shown below:-

	BAND	BAND	BAND	BAND	BAND	BAND	BAND	BAND
2011/12	**A**	**B**	**C**	**D**	**E**	**F**	**G**	**H**
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Royal Tunbridge Wells	966.80	1,127.93	1,289.07	1,450.20	1,772.47	2,094.73	2,417.00	2,900.40
Southborough	966.25	1,127.30	1,288.34	1,449.38	1,771.46	2,093.55	2,415.63	2,898.76
Capel	928.24	1,082.96	1,237.66	1,392.37	1,701.78	2,011.20	2,320.61	2,784.74
Benenden	921.23	1,074.77	1,228.31	1,381.85	1,688.93	1,996.01	2,303.08	2,763.70
Bidborough	971.45	1,133.37	1,295.27	1,457.18	1,780.99	2,104.82	2,428.63	2,914.36
Brenchley	930.56	1,085.65	1,240.75	1,395.84	1,706.03	2,016.21	2,326.40	2,791.68
Cranbrook & Sissinghurst	950.46	1,108.87	1,267.28	1,425.69	1,742.51	2,059.33	2,376.15	2,851.38
Frittenden	918.79	1,071.93	1,225.06	1,378.19	1,684.45	1,990.72	2,296.98	2,756.38
Goudhurst	927.59	1,082.19	1,236.79	1,391.39	1,700.59	2,009.79	2,318.98	2,782.78
Hawkhurst	937.83	1,094.14	1,250.44	1,406.75	1,719.36	2,031.97	2,344.58	2,813.50
Horsmonden	941.90	1,098.88	1,255.87	1,412.85	1,726.82	2,040.78	2,354.75	2,825.70
Lamberhurst	930.70	1,085.82	1,240.93	1,396.05	1,706.28	2,016.52	2,326.75	2,792.10
Paddock Wood	963.52	1,124.11	1,284.69	1,445.28	1,766.45	2,087.63	2,408.80	2,890.56
Pembury	949.79	1,108.08	1,266.38	1,424.68	1,741.28	2,057.87	2,374.47	2,849.36
Sandhurst	936.81	1,092.94	1,249.08	1,405.21	1,717.48	2,029.75	2,342.02	2,810.42
Speldhurst	938.60	1,095.03	1,251.47	1,407.90	1,720.77	2,033.63	2,346.50	2,815.80

Lee M. Colyer CPFA
Head of Finance and Governance

HALE OAK ROAD SEVENOAKS WEALD - (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council intends to make an Order restricting the use by vehicular traffic on Hale Oak Road, Sevenoaks Weald between Long Barn Road and Penhurst Road.

The Order will become effective on 21st March 2011, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months; the works are planned to commence 25th March 2011 and last 1 day. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the above restriction will be via: Bowzell Road.

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate BT works.

HIGHWAYS – District of Sevenoaks

IDE HILL ROAD, BOUGH BEECH - (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council has made an Order restricting the use by vehicular traffic on Ide Hill Road, Bough Beech between B2027 Clinton Lane and Lakeside Close.

The Order will become effective on 7th March 2011, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months; the works are planned to commence last 1 week. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the above restriction will be via: B2027 Clinton Lane, Four Elms Road, Green Lane and Ide Hill Road.

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate installation of a new electricity supply.

Highways - Borough of Tonbridge and Malling

(BLACKMANS LANE, HADLOW) (PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Blackmans Lane outside Bourne Garth to The Poplars on or after Monday 7th March 2011 for a period of up to 2 days or until such works are completed.

The alternative route is via A26 Tonbridge Road/Hadlow Road, Three Elm Lane.

Kent Highway Services apologise for any inconvenience caused by these works, which are necessary to install gullies and pipework to prevent flooding. Should you require any further information for these works, the contact is Sara Fletcher on 08458 247 800.

(VICARAGE CLOSE, AYLESFORD) (PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Vicarage Close on or after Monday 7th March 2011 for a period of up to 1 week or until such works are completed.

BT Openreach apologise for any inconvenience caused by these works, which are necessary to enable duct installation. Should you require any further information for these works, the contact is Kenton Stewart on 01795 435729.

(BROADWATER ROAD, EAST MALLING) (PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Broadwater Road at the railway bridge on or after Sunday 13th March 2011 for a period of up to 1 day or until such works are completed.

The alternative route is via Well Street, Stickens Lane, Clare Lane.

Network Rail apologise for any inconvenience caused by these works, which are necessary for installing an access gate track side. Should you require any further information for these works, the contact is Robert Lupinda of Bam Nuttall Ltd on 01892 512255.

(LABOUR IN VAIN ROAD WROTHAM)(PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Labour in Vain Road Wrotham from outside Simmonds Builders Yard (between the access points for Finches Farm) on or after Monday 21st March 2011 for a period of up to3 weeks or until such works are completed.

The alternative route for the route described above is Tumblefield Road and Plaxdale Green Road and vice versa.

Kent Highway Services apologise for any inconvenience caused by these works, which are necessary to construct a new soakaway and drainage system . Should you require any further information the Kent Highway Services contact is Jamie Finch on 08458247800.

(PIZIEN WELL ROAD, WATERINGBURY)(PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Pizien Well Road from Old Road to Park Road on or after Monday 7th March 2011 for a period of up to 30 days or until such works are completed.

The alternative route is via Nettlestead Lane, Gibbs Hill, B2015 Maidstone Road/Bow Road, A26 Tonbridge Road.

Kent Highway Services and Southern Gas Networks apologise for any inconvenience caused by these works, which are necessary for cleansing highway drainage, completion of CCTV survey, install a new gully to prevent flooding and gas mains replacement. Should you require any further information for these works, please contact the Drainage Team on 08458 247 800 or John Adsley of SGN on 01233 714082.

VARIOUS ROADS, GRAVESEND - (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council intends to make an Order restricting the use by through traffic on various roads, Gravesend as noted in schedule 1.

The Order will become effective on 4th October 2010, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months; the works are planned to last as noted in schedule 1. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the above restriction will be via: as noted in schedule 1.

Schedule 1

Road Name:	**Manor Road**
Extent:	Entire length
Date:	4th October 2010 for 25 weeks
Restriction:	Temporary suspension of pedestrian access to allow diversion traffic.

Road Name:	**Windmill Street, Gravesend**
Extent:	Between its junctions with Railway Place and Lord Street
Date:	4th October 2010 for 30 weeks
Restriction:	Prohibition of northbound traffic

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate carriageway reconstruction.

(NEW HYTHE LANE, EAST MALLING & LARKFIELD) (PUFFIN CROSSING) ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

NOTICE is hereby given that the Kent County Council, in exercise of its powers under Section 23 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act, 1984 and all other enabling powers, intends to convert the existing Zebra Crossing to a Puffin Crossing on New Hythe Lane East Malling & Larkfield situated outside the common boundary between Numbers 13 and 14 New Hythe Lane.

The purpose of the scheme is to provide a safe place for pedestrians to cross as there are concerns over pedestrian safety within the area. The existing Zebra Crossing is used by an increased number of school children and shoppers using nearby facilities has a high population from the surrounding residential housing estates.

A Puffin Crossing has facilities to cancel pedestrian demands when they cross in the gaps and to allow for varying clearance times after the pedestrian green signal, to allow for slow pedestrians without harassment from drivers. The pedestrians in the area would therefore benefit from the introduction of a Puffin Crossing to assist with the high pedestrian movement throughout the area

Copies of the plan showing this proposal, an explanatory statement and a map showing the extents of the scheme may be inspected during normal office hours at The Kent County Council Offices, Sessions House, County Road, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XX, Dartford Borough Council Offices, Civic Centre, Home Gardens, Dartford, DA1 1DR, and Stone Parish Council Office, Recreation Ground, London Road, Stone, DA9 9DQ.

For further information, please contact Kent Highway Services, on 08458 247 800 (local rate) or visit www.kent.gov.uk/highways

Kent Highway Services

HIGHWAYS - Borough of Dartford

(VARIOUS ROADS, DARTFORD) (PROVISION OF WAITING) CONSOLIDATION (AMENDMENT NO. 8) ORDER 2011 (A226 LONDON ROAD, DARTFORD) (PEDESTRIAN & TOUCAN CROSSING) (STONE PLACE ROAD DARTFORD) (PUFFIN CROSSING) (HEDGE PLACE ROAD, DARTFORD) (PEDESTRIAN CROSSING) ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE NEW ROADS AND STREET WORKS ACT 1991 AND THE TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT ACT 2004 (A226 LONDON ROAD, STONE) (CONVERSION OF FOOTWAY TO SHARED CYCLE TRACK) HIGHWAYS ACT 1980 AS AMENDED BY THE CYCLE TRACKS ACT 1984

NOTICE is hereby given that the Kent County Council, in exercise of its powers under Sections 1, 2 and 124 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 as amended by Shedule 8 of the New Roads and Street Works Act 1991 and part 6 of the Traffic Management Act 2004, intends to extend the existing "At Any Time" Waiting Restrictions on A226 London Road, Stone in Dartford and under;

Section 23 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act, 1984, the Kent County Council intends to install crossing points on all four arms of the junction of A226 London Road, Stone Place Road and Hedge Place Road, of the type detailed in column 1 at the location described in column 2 of Schedules 1 and 2 hereto and under;

Section 1 of the Cycle Tracks Act 1984 and Sections 65 and 66 (1) of the Highways Act 1980 the Kent County Council intends to convert a footway to a cycle track of the type as described in column 1, at the location described in column 2 of Schedule 3 hereto;

This scheme will include the removal of the existing Zebra crossing and the introduction of signal control on all four arms of the junction. As the proposed pedestrian crossings are to be controlled within the traffic signal scheme the standard zig - zag road markings will not be installed.

The existing segregated cycle route on the southern side of London Road will be extended as a shared route to a new Toucan crossing on London Road just east of the junction with Hedge Place Road. A new shared route will be provided on the north side of London Road to link from the new London Road Toucan crossing around the radius and into Stone Place Road to the north. At this point the shared route will terminate just before a new controlled crossing with pedestrian (Puffin) type aspects which will cross Stone Place Road.

The existing footway on the south east side of London Road will be widened around and into Hedge Place Road. At this point pedestrians will cross Hedge Place Road at a controlled crossing.

The existing Zebra Crossing on the western arm of London Road will be removed and replaced by a pedestrian refuge island with a staggered pedestrian route.

Waiting restrictions in the area of the crossroads will also be extended to improve safety and sight lines.

Copies of the plan showing this proposal, an explanatory statement and a map showing the extents of the scheme may be inspected during normal office hours at The Kent County Council Offices, Sessions House, County Road, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XX, Dartford Borough Council Offices, Civic Centre, Home Gardens, Dartford, DA1 1DR, and Stone Parish Council Office, Recreation Ground, London Road, Stone, DA9 9DQ.

Anyone wishing to support, or object to the "At Any Time" Waiting Restrictions proposal should write to Mrs Diane Bourne, Jacobs Engineering UK Ltd, Miller House, Lower Stone Street, Maidstone, Kent, ME15 6GB quoting the name of the Order and reference No "B1560300" and stating their reasons, by not later than Monday 28th March 2011.

Schedule 1

(New Pedestrian Crossing)

Type of Crossing	Location
1. Toucan	A226 London Road, Stone 28.5 metres east of its junction with Stone Place Road.
1. Pedestrian	B2174 Hedge Place Road, Stone 12.0 metres south east of the mid point of its junction with A226 London Road.
1. Pedestrian	Stone Place Road, Stone, 13.5 metres north west of the mid point of its junction with A226 London Road.

Schedule 2

(Conversion of Pedestrian Crossing)

Type of Existing Crossing	Converted to (Type of Crossing)	Location
1. Zebra	Staggered Pedestrian	A226 London Road, Stone 23.5 metres west of the mid point of its junction with Stone Place Road.

Schedule 3

(Conversion of Footway to Cycle Track)

Type of Cycle Track	Location
Shared Segregated:	on the northern footway of the A226 London Road, Stone from the mid point of its junction with Stone Place Road, eastwards for a distance of 32.0 metres.
	on the southern footway of A226 London Road, Stone from a point 14.5 metres east of the mid point of its junction with Hedge Place Road, eastwards for a distance of 15.0 metres.

HIGHWAYS – District of Dover

VARIOUS ROADS, GREAT MONGEHAM, DISTRICT OF DOVER) (WAITING RESTRICTIONS AND STREET PARKING PLACES) (AMENDMENT NO. 2) ORDER 2011

Notice is hereby given that KENT COUNTY COUNCIL proposes to make the above named Order under sections 1, 2 and 124 of and Part IV of Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the Chief Officer of Police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 to the Act:

The effect of this Order will be to introduce double yellow lines on the following lengths of roads

NORTHBOURNE ROAD	on the south-eastern side from the junction with Willow Road for a distance of 25 metres in a south easterly direction
WILLOW ROAD	on the south eastern side from the junction with Northbourne Road for a distance of 52 metres in a south westerly direction

Full details are contained in the draft Order which together with the relevant plans, any Orders amended by the proposals and a statement of the Council's reasons for proposing to make the Order, may be examined on Mondays to Fridays in the offices of Shepway District Council, Civic Centre, Castle Hill Avenue, Folkestone, between 9.00am and 5.00pm.

If you wish to offer support for or object to the proposed Order, you should send the grounds for your objection in writing to Highway Services, Transport and Development, Ashford Highway Depot, Javelin Way, Henwood Industrial Estate, Ashford, TN24 8AD or by email to td.dover.shepway@kent.gov.uk by noon on Monday 28 March 2011.

Highways – Borough of Dartford

(VARIOUS ROADS, DARTFORD) (PROHIBITION OF WAITING) (CONSOLIDATION) (AMENDMENT NO 1) ORDER 2011

Notice is hereby given that KENT COUNTY COUNCIL propose to make the above named Order under sections 1(1), 2(1) to (3), 3(2), 4 (1) and (2), 32(1), 35(1), and 124 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the chief officer of police in accordance with Paragraph 20 of Schedule 9 to the Act:

The effect of the first named Order will be to introduce no waiting at any time (double yellow lines) on the following roads or lengths of roads

Littlebrook Manor Way	On both sides from the junction with Bob Dunn Way to the junction with Rennie Drive.
Rennie Drive	On both sides from the junction with Littlebrooke Manor Way to the junction with Marsh Street.
Binnie Road	Both sides entire length.
Marsh Street	On both sides from the junction with Bob Dunn Way to the entrance to Longreach Sewage Works
Halcrow Avenue	Both sides entire length

The effect of the Order will also be to introduce no waiting 6.00pm to 6am the following day every day (7 days) on Brunel Way for the entire length.

(BINNIE ROAD AND HALCROW AVENUE, DARTFORD) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) ORDER 2011

Notice is hereby given that KENT COUNTY COUNCIL propose to make the above named Order under sections 1(1) and (2), 2(1) to (3) and 3(2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the chief officer of police in accordance with Paragraph 20 of Schedule 9 to the Act:

The effect of the second named Order will introduce prohibition of driving on the following lengths of road :-

BINNIE ROAD	From the junction with Marsh Street (roundabout) for the entire length.
HALCROW AVENUE	From the junction with Marsh Street (roundabout) for the entire length.

Full details are contained in the draft Orders which, together with the relevant plans, any Orders amended by the proposals and a statement of reasons for proposing to make the Orders may be examined on Mondays to Fridays at Dartford Borough Council Offices, Civic Centre, Home Gardens, Dartford, DA1 1DR during normal opening times.

If you wish to offer support for or object to the proposed Order you should send the grounds in writing to Kent Highway Services, Network Performance Team, 1st Floor, Invicta House, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XX by noon on 28 March 2011.

HIGHWAYS – District of Sevenoaks and Borough of Dartford and Gravehsam

VARIOUS ROADS, SEVENOAKS/DARTFORD/GRAVESHAM AND TONBRIDGE AND MALLING - (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council intends to make an Order restricting the use by vehicular traffic on Various Roads, Sevenoaks/Dartford/Gravesham/Tonbridge and Malling as noted in schedule 1.

The Order will become effective on 7th March 2011, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months; dates in schedule are anticipated dates however actual work dates will be displayed by signage on site 14 days in advance. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the above restriction will be via: as noted in the attached schedule.

Schedule 1

Sevenoaks

Road Name: Lakeview Road, Sevenoaks
Extent: Entire Length
Date: 10th March 2011 for 4 working days
Diversion: Lambarde Road, Betenson Avenue and Robyns Way

Road Name: Hopgarden Lane, Sevenoaks
Extent: Entire Length
Date: 17th March 2011 for 2 working days
Diversion: Ashgrove Road, Oak Lane and Grassy Lane

Road Name: Gracious Lane, Sevenoaks
Extent: Between Gracious Bridge and Hubbards Hill
Date: 18th March 2011 for 4 working days
Diversion: Oak Lane, Ashgrove Road and Weald Road

Road Name: Honeypot Lane, Kemsing
Extent: Entire Length
Date: 23rd March 2011 for 3 working days
Diversion: Noah's Ark, St Edith's Road, High Street, Heaverham Road and Watery Lane

Road Name: Watery Lane, Kemsing
Extent: Between Heaverham Road and Honeypot Lane
Date: 25th March 2011 for 4 working days
Diversion: Heaverham Road, High Street, St Edith's Road, Noahs Ark and Honeypot Lane

Road Name: Goodbury Road, West Kingsdown
Extent: Entire Length
Date: 31st March 2011 for 2 days
Diversion: Birchin Cross Road and Clarkes Green Road

Road Name: East Hill Road, West Kingsdown
Extent: Between Goodbury Road and Cherry Tree Grove
Date: 1st April 2011 for 2 days

Road Name: Beldam Haw, Halstead
Extent: Entire Length
Date: 4th April 2011 for 2 working days

Road Name: North Ash Road, New Ash Green
Extent: Entire Length
Date: 6th April 2011 for 2 working days
Diversion: Ash Road and Redhill Road

Dartford

Road Name: Hook Green Road, Southfleet
Extent: Between Whitehill Road and Warren Road
Date: 23rd March 2011 for 3 working days
Diversion: Dale Road, Station Road, Betsham Road and Highcross Road

Road Name: Ship Lane, Sutton at Hone
Extent: Between A225 Main Road and Church Road
Date: 24th March 2011 for 3 working days
Diversion: A225 Main Road, A20 Main Road/London Road, Button Street and Wood Street Gravesham

Road Name: Telegraph Hill, Higham
Extent: Between A226 Gravesend Road and Hermitage Road
Date: 18th March 2011 for 3 working days
Diversion: Hermitage Road, Forge Lane and A226 Gravesend Road

Road Name: Cerne Road, Gravesend
Extent: Between St Francis Avenue and Cambria Crescent
Date: 21st March 2011 for 3 working days
Diversion: St Francis Avenue and Cambria Crescent

Road Name: Pickwick Gardens, Northfleet
Extent: Between Dene Holm Road and Masefield Road
Date: 22nd March 2011 for 3 working days
Diversion: Masefield Road, Painters Ash Lane and Den Holm Road

Road Name: Cobhambury Road, Cobham
Extent: Between The Street and Warren Road
Date: 25th March 2011 for 3 working days
Diversion: The Street, Sole Street, Gold Street, Henley Street and Luddesdown Road

Road Name: White Horse Lane, Harvel
Extent: Between Harvel Road and Dean Lane
Date: 25th March 2011 for 2 working days
Diversion: Harvel Street, Harvel Lane and Harvel Road

Road Name: Shorne Ifield Road, Shorne
Extent: Between Mill Hill Lane and Thong Lane
Date: 28th March 2011 for 5 working days
Diversion: Crown Lane, Forge Lane, A226 Gravesend Road, A226 Rochester Road and Thong Lane

Road Name: White Post Lane, Cobham
Extent: Between Round Street and Copt Hall Road
Date: 30th March 2011 for 3 working days
Diversion: Round Street and Copt Hall Road

Road Name: Church Lane, Chalk
Extent: Between A226 Rochester Road and Lower Higham Road
Date: 30th March 2011 for 2 working days
Diversion: Lower Higham Road, Vicarage Lane, Chalk Road and A226 Rochester Road

Road Name: Jeskyns Road, Cobham
Extent: Between Sole Street and Round Street
Date: 31st March 2011 for 2 working days
Diversion: Sole Street and Round Street

Tonbridge and Malling

Road Name: Swanton Road, West Peckham
Extent: Between B2016 Sevenmile Lane and Stan Lane
Date: 22nd March 2011 for 5 working days
Diversion: Stan Lane, Mereworth Road and The B2016 Sevenmile Lane

Road Name: Court Road, Burham
Extent: Between Bell Lane and Church Street
Date: 27th March 2011 and 3rd April
Diversion: Bell Lane, Rochester Road and Church Street

Road Name: Roydon Hall Road, East Peckham
Extent: Between A228 Sevenmile Lane and Park Road
Date: 30th March 2011 for 5 working days
Diversion: Park Road, Old Church Lane and A228 Sevenmile Lane

Road Name: Roughetts Road, Addington
Extent: Between Church Road and The Street
Date: 3rd March 2011 and 10th April 2011
Diversion: Woodgate Road, Trottiscliffe Road and A20 London Road

Road Name: Pilgrims Way, Wrotham
Extent: Between A20 London Road and Nepicar Lane
Date: 8th April 2011 for 3 working days
Diversion: A20 London Road and Nepicar Lane

The purpose of the Order is to facilitate carriageway pre-patching works to be undertaken by Kent Highway Services.

HIGHWAYS – District of Sevenoaks

(VARIOUS ROADS IN THE DISTRICT OF SEVENOAKS) (PROHIBITION AND RESTRICTIONS OF WAITING AND LOADING & UNLOADING AND ON STREET PARKING PLACES) (AMENDMENT NO 21) ORDER 2011

Notice is hereby given that KENT COUNTY COUNCIL propose to make the above named Order under sections 1(1), 2(1) to (3), 3(2), 4(1) and (2), 32(1), 35(1), 36, 45, 46, 47, 49, 53, 124 and Part IV of Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the chief officer of police in accordance with Paragraph 20 of Schedule 9 to the Act:

The effect of the Order will be to introduce no waiting at any time (double yellow lines) on the following roads or lengths of road in the towns and parishes within the District of Sevenoaks:-

Homedean Road - Chevening	Alban Crescent - Farningham
Berwick Way - Sevenoaks	Crampton's Road - Sevenoaks
Oak Lane - Sevenoaks	Main Road (B258) - Hextable
Emersons Avenue - Hextable	Victoria Hill Road - Hextable
Northview - Swanley	Sycamore Drive - Swanley
Tower Croft - Eynsford	High Street (A225) - Eynsford
Priory Lane - Eynsford	

The effect of the Order will also be to introduce day time restriction (single yellow lines) 8.30am - 6.30pm Monday to Friday on the north eastern, south eastern side and around the turning head of Tower Croft and 8.30am - 9.30pm, 3.00pm – 4.00pm Monday to Friday on lengths of High Street (A225) Eynsford (in the vicinity of Anthony Roper School).

Full details are contained in the draft Order which, together with the relevant plans, any Orders amended by the proposals and a statement of reasons for proposing to make the Order may be examined on Mondays to Fridays at Sevenoaks Council Offices, Argyle Road, Sevenoaks and Sessions House County Hall, Maidstone, during normal opening times.

If you wish to offer support for or object to the proposed Order you should send the grounds in writing for the attention of Nicolette Davis, Network Performance Team, 1st Floor Invicta House, Invicta House, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XX or by email to td.sevenoaks.tunbridgewells@kent.gov.uk by noon on 28 March 2011.

For further information, please contact Kent Highway Services, on 08458 247 800 (local rate) or visit www.kent.gov.uk/highways

Kent Highway Services



Buy blue to go green

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by **STEVE LOADER**

Hyundai **i10 Blue**

HYUNDAI delivered a wake-up call to British motorists in 2008 when it launched its i10 baby car.

It was a five-door mini-marvel with the usual Hyundai bargain price and five-year warranty.

Sales had a further lift from the Government-backed Scrappage grant scheme – trade in your banger and we'll give you two grand towards a new one. It made the i10 an unmissable bargain then, but the car maintained its sales momentum for the Korean marque even after the end of the Scrappage offers.

Early power options were nothing to get excited about though and didn't do much to dispel the Noddy car image.

But things have improved and the Korean marque has now stolen a lead during a major revision of the i10 range by offering a version with CO2 emissions low enough to limbo beneath the 100 g/km bar for road tax.

So you'll pay nothing to keep this motor on the road and it can average nearly 70mpg.

So it's very green, except it's called the i10 Blue.

I blame the Germans; it's all to do with the likes of Mercedes-Benz and VW not wishing to do the powerful German Green Party any favours, so they call their green models BlueEfficiency and BlueMotion.

It seems Hyundai is adopting the same colour coding.

Whether you buy the Blue or one of the other models in this enhanced i10 range though, you'll get a surprisingly impressive driving experience.

It certainly doesn't ride and handle like a Noddy car and there's a lot of room, largely because the i10 has the longest wheelbase in its class.

Standard kit is generous too for a range starting at a modest £8,195 and including air conditioning, an iPod/USB link, six-speaker stereo, electric windows and central locking.

The start price buys you the Classic entry model but trading up costs just £600, first to Active trim, and then a further £550 for the flagship Style.

You pay a little extra upfront for the long term fuel/tax and eco savings from running the standalone Blue model though.

It costs £9,195 but that does take account of a specification including the stop and go technology that switches off the engine at the lights or in a jam to save fuel and emissions.

It also brings the low rolling resistance tyres that are part of the car's green credentials.

Power comes from a little three-cylinder 68bhp 1.0-litre engine that is refined for this class, even when cruising the motorway. A possible downside for some buyers though is a sedate acceleration – 0-62 second in 14.8 seconds – so I would be inclined more to the other engine option, a smoother four-cylinder 85bhp 1.25-litre engine that delivers 62mph in 12.2 seconds and will still average more than 60mpg. There is also an auto option with this, though there are the predictable performance and consumption penalties.

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2010(60) VAUXHALL ZAFIRA ELITE CDTI TURBO MPV AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 3000 miles, £16,995
2010(60) VAUXHALL MERIVA SE CDTI TURBO MPV AUTO, GREY, 5000 miles, £16,995
2010(10) VAUXHALL ASTRA ELITE 5DR HATCH AUTO, GREEN, 950 miles, £15,995
2010(60) VAUXHALL ASTRA SE 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 2000 miles, £14,995
2010(60) MERCEDES-BENZ A CLASS A160 CLASSIC SE 5DR HATCH AUTO, MOUNTAIN GREY, 1610 miles, £13,995
2010(60) NISSAN CUBE KAIZEN 5DR HATCH AUTO, WHITE, 1000 miles, £12,995
2010(60) FORD FIESTA TITANIUM 5DR HATCH AUTO, RED, 2000 miles, £12,995
2010(60) NISSAN NOTE TEKNA MPV AUTO, BLACK, 500 miles, £11,995
2010(60) PEUGEOT 308 S 5DR HATCH AUTO, ABYSS BLUE, 750 miles, £10,995
2009(09) FORD FOCUS ZETEC 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 3000 miles, £10,995
2010(10) VAUXHALL MERIVA DESIGN 16V MPV AUTO, BLUE, 1000 miles, £10,995
2010(10) VAUXHALL CORSA SE 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 1000 miles, £10,995
2010(10) VAUXHALL CORSA EXCLUSIV AC 5DR HATCH AUTO, GOLD, 6000 miles, £9,995
2010(10) RENAULT GRAND MODUS DYNAMIQUE VVT 5DR HATCH AUTO, OTTOMON BLUE, 1000 miles, £9,995
2009(59) NISSAN NOTE VISIA MPV AUTO, GREY, 1800 miles, £9,995
2010(10) RENAULT KANGOO EXPRESSION 16V MPV AUTO, BLUE, 1800 miles, £9,995
2010(60) RENAULT MODUS GRAND DYNAMIQUE VVT 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 250 miles, £9,995
2010(10) NISSAN MICRA TEKNA 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLADE SILVER, 6000 miles, £9,995
2010(10) PEUGEOT 207 S 16V 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 7000 miles, £9,495
2010(10) FIAT PUNTO EVO DYNAMIC DUALOGIC 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 500 miles, £9,495
2009(59) SUZUKI SWIFT GLX 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 450 miles, £9,495
2009(09) VAUXHALL AGILA DESIGN 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 5000 miles, £8,995
2010(60) NISSAN PIXO N-TEC 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 999 miles, £7,995
2009(59) CHEVROLET MATIZ SE 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 1100 miles, £6,495

CONVERTIBLES CABRIOLETS

2009(09) MERCEDES-BENZ CLK CLK200 KOMPRESSOR AVANTGARDE CONVERTIBLE AUTO, BLACK, 20000 miles, £23,995
2007(57) PEUGEOT 307 S COUPE CABRIOLET COUPE AUTO, BLACK, 15000 miles, £9,995
2009(58) NISSAN MICRA 25 CONVERTIBLE CC CONVERTIBLE AUTO, EMOTION RED, 11000 miles, £9,995
2006(56) RENAULT MEGANE PRIVILEGE VVT 111 CONVERTIBLE AUTO, BLUE, 14000 miles, £8,995
2006(06) RENAULT MEGANE DYNAMIQUE VVT 111 CONVERTIBLE AUTO, BLUE, 21000 miles, £7,995

FIESTA

2010(60) FORD FIESTA TITANIUM 5DR HATCH AUTO, RED, 2000 miles, £12,995
2010(60) FORD FIESTA TITANIUM 3DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 2000 miles, £11,995
2009(58) FORD FIESTA STYLE PLUS 3DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 3000 miles, £8,995
2008(08) FORD FIESTA STYLE CLIMATE 16V 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 9000 miles, £6,995
2007(57) FORD FIESTA GHIA 16V 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 16000 miles, £6,995

FOCUS HATCH & SALOON

2009(09) FORD FOCUS ZETEC 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 3000 miles, £10,995
2008(58) FORD FOCUS STYLE 5DR HATCH AUTO, RED, 3000 miles, £9,995
2008(08) FORD FOCUS ZETEC 3DR HATCH AUTO, GREEN, 4000 miles, £8,995
2008(57) FORD FOCUS STYLE 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 7000 miles, £7,995
2005(55) FORD FOCUS GHIA 16V 5DR HATCH AUTO, GREY, 27000 miles, £6,495
2007(57) FORD FOCUS ZETEC CLIMATE 16V 3DR HATCH AUTO, TONIC BLUE, 21000 miles, £5,995

FOCUST ESTATES

2007(57) FORD FOCUS STYLE ESTATE AUTO, GREY, 12000 miles, £6,495

RENAULT SCENIC

2009(59) RENAULT GRAND SCENIC DYNAMIQUE DCI FAP TURBO MPV AUTO, BLUE, 6000 miles, £16,995
2007(07) RENAULT GRAND SCENIC DYNAMIQUE VVT 136 7STR MPV AUTO, BLUE, 8000 miles, £8,995
2007(07) RENAULT GRAND SCENIC PRIVILEGE VVT 136 7STR MPV AUTO, BLUE, 15000 miles, £8,995
2007(07) RENAULT SCENIC PRIVILEGE VVT 111 5STR MPV AUTO, RED, 13000 miles, £7,995
2007(07) RENAULT SCENIC PRIVILEGE VVT 111 5STR MPV AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 20000 miles, £7,995
2007(07) RENAULT SCENIC PRIVILEGE VVT 111 5STR MPV AUTO, GREY, 10000 miles, £7,995
2007(07) RENAULT SCENIC PRIVILEGE VVT 111 5STR MPV AUTO, GREY, 26000 miles, £7,995
2008(57) RENAULT SCENIC DYNAMIQUE VVT 111 5STR MPV AUTO, BLUE, 19000 miles, £6,995

RENAULT

2007(57) RENAULT MEGANE PRIVILEGE VVT 136 CONVERTIBLE AUTO, GOLD, 12000 miles, £10,995
2010(10) RENAULT KANGOO EXPRESSION 16V MPV AUTO, BLUE, 1800 miles, £9,995
2010(60) RENAULT MODUS GRAND DYNAMIQUE VVT 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 250 miles, £9,995
2010(10) RENAULT GRAND MODUS DYNAMIQUE VVT 5DR HATCH AUTO, OTTOMON BLUE, 1000 miles, £9,995
2006(56) RENAULT MEGANE PRIVILEGE VVT 111 CONVERTIBLE AUTO, BLUE, 14000 miles, £8,995
2008(08) RENAULT GRAND SCENIC DYNAMIQUE VVT 136 7STR MPV AUTO, GREEN, 15000 miles, £8,995
2008(58) RENAULT KANGOO AUTHENTIQUE 16V MPV AUTO, BLUE, 300 miles, £7,995
2006(06) RENAULT MEGANE DYNAMIQUE VVT 111 CONVERTIBLE AUTO, BLUE, 21000 miles, £7,995
2008(58) RENAULT KANGOO EXPRESSION 16V MPV AUTO, GREY, 1500 miles, £7,495
2008(08) RENAULT KANGOO EXPRESSION 16V MPV AUTO, GREY, 12000 miles, £6,995
2007(57) RENAULT MEGANE PRIVILEGE VVT 111 ESTATE AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 10000 miles, £6,995
2006(56) RENAULT LAGUNA EXPRESSION SPORT TOURER 16V ESTATE AUTO, GREY, 8000 miles, £6,995
2005(05) RENAULT KANGOO EXPRESSION 16V MPV AUTO, GREEN, 39000 miles, £3,995

CHEVROLET

2008(08) CHEVROLET LACETTI SX 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 6000 miles, £6,995
2008(58) CHEVROLET AVEO LT 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 999 miles, £6,995
2009(09) CHEVROLET LACETTI SX ESTATE AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 3000 miles, £6,995
2009(58) CHEVROLET LACETTI SX ESTATE AUTO, BLACK, 9000 miles, £6,995
2009(59) CHEVROLET MATIZ SE 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 1100 miles, £6,495
2008(57) CHEVROLET KALOS SX 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 18000 miles, £5,495
2006(56) CHEVROLET LACETTI SX 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 15000 miles, £4,995
2007(57) CHEVROLET MATIZ SE 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 21000 miles, £4,995
2007(07) CHEVROLET MATIZ SE 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 18000 miles, £4,495
2007(07) CHEVROLET MATIZ SE 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 8000 miles, £4,495
2007(07) CHEVROLET MATIZ SE 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 20000 miles, £4,495

HYUNDAI

2008(58) HYUNDAI MATRIX COMFORT MPV AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 10000 miles, £7,495
2008(58) HYUNDAI GETZ GSI 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 1000 miles, £6,995
2009(59) HYUNDAI I10 COMFORT 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 2000 miles, £6,995
2007(57) HYUNDAI MATRIX GSI SALOON AUTO, BLACK, 12000 miles, £5,995
2007(57) HYUNDAI ACCENT ATLANTIC LIMITED EDITION 3DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 6000 miles, £5,995
2006(56) HYUNDAI GETZ CDX 5DR HATCH AUTO, GREY, 9000 miles, £5,995
2008(08) HYUNDAI AMICA CDX 5DR HATCH AUTO, GREY, 24000 miles, £5,995
2008(08) HYUNDAI AMICA CDX 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 9000 miles, £5,995
2007(07) HYUNDAI MATRIX GSI MPV AUTO, BLACK, 15000 miles, £5,495
2004(54) HYUNDAI GETZ GSI 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 8000 miles, £4,495
2006(06) HYUNDAI AMICA CDX 5DR HATCH AUTO, RED, 18000 miles, £3,995

KIA

2009(09) KIA CEED GS 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 9000 miles, £8,995

DAIHATSU

2008(08) DAIHATSU SIRION SE 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 13000 miles, £7,995
2008(08) DAIHATSU SIRION SE 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 8000 miles, £7,995
2007(57) DAIHATSU SIRION SE 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 9000 miles, £7,495
2007(07) DAIHATSU SIRION SE 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 16000 miles, £6,995
2007(07) DAIHATSU SIRION 16V 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 20000 miles, £6,995

BMW

2009(59) BMW 3 SERIES 320I SE COUPE AUTO, BRONZE, 4000 miles, £19,995
2008(08) BMW 3 SERIES 320I SE COUPE AUTO, GREY, 10000 miles, £18,995

FIAT

2010(10) FIAT PUNTO EVO DYNAMIC DUALOGIC 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 500 miles, £9,495

FUSION

2010(10) FORD FUSION ZETEC 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 1800 miles, £9,995
2008(08) FORD FUSION FUSION + 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 13000 miles, £7,995
2009(09) FORD FUSION FUSION + 5DR HATCH AUTO, GREY, 16000 miles, £7,495
2006(56) FORD FUSION ZETEC CLIMATE 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 6000 miles, £5,995

CITROEN

2007(57) CITROEN C3 SX 16V 5DR HATCH AUTO, DIABLO RED, 13000 miles, £5,995

CORSA

2010(10) VAUXHALL CORSA SE 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 1000 miles, £10,995
2010(10) VAUXHALL CORSA EXCLUSIV AC 5DR HATCH AUTO, GOLD, 6000 miles, £9,995
2009(59) VAUXHALL CORSA CLUB AC 16V 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 750 miles, £9,495
2008(58) VAUXHALL CORSA DESIGN 16V 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 12000 miles, £8,995
2009(58) VAUXHALL CORSA DESIGN 16V 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 11000 miles, £8,995
2009(09) VAUXHALL CORSA CLUB AC 16V 5DR HATCH AUTO, ULTRA BLUE, 4000 miles, £8,995
2008(58) VAUXHALL CORSA CLUB AC 16V 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 5000 miles, £8,495
2008(58) VAUXHALL CORSA CLUB AC 16V 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 9000 miles, £8,495
2008(58) VAUXHALL CORSA DESIGN 16V 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 11000 miles, £7,995
2007(57) VAUXHALL CORSA DESIGN 16V 3DR HATCH AUTO, GOLD, 5000 miles, £7,495
2005(54) VAUXHALL CORSA DESIGN 16V 3DR HATCH AUTO, RED, 4000 miles, £5,495

MAZDA

2008(58) MAZDA 3 3 TAKARA 5DR HATCH AUTO, RED, 5000 miles, £9,995
2008(08) MAZDA 3 3 TS2 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 17000 miles, £8,995
2007(57) MAZDA 3 3 TS 5DR HATCH AUTO, GREY, 8000 miles, £7,995
2006(56) MAZDA 6 6 TS 5DR HATCH AUTO, GREY, 21000 miles, £7,995
2007(57) MAZDA 2 2 CAPELLA 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 15000 miles, £6,495
2007(56) MAZDA 2 2 S 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 17000 miles, £5,995

SUZUKI

2009(59) SUZUKI SWIFT GLX 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 450 miles, £9,495
2009(59) SUZUKI SWIFT GLX 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 5000 miles, £8,995
2007(57) SUZUKI SX4 GLX 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 21000 miles, £7,495

TOYOTA

2007(57) TOYOTA PRIUS T SPIRIT VVT-I 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 8000 miles, £12,995
2007(57) TOYOTA AURIS T SPIRIT VVT-I MM 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 14000 miles, £8,995
2007(07) TOYOTA AURIS T3 VVT-I MM 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 17000 miles, £8,995
2007(07) TOYOTA COROLLA T3 VVT-I 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 9000 miles, £8,995
2008(08) TOYOTA YARIS T3 VVT-I 5DR HATCH AUTO, VENETIAN SILVER, 14000 miles, £7,995
2005(05) TOYOTA YARIS VERSO T SPIRIT VVT-I MPV AUTO, CHAMPAGNE, 9000 miles, £7,995
2005(54) TOYOTA YARIS VERSO T SPIRIT VVT-I MPV AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 9000 miles, £7,495
2005(55) TOYOTA YARIS T SPIRIT VVT-I 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 5000 miles, £7,495
2005(55) TOYOTA YARIS T SPIRIT VVT-I 3DR HATCH AUTO, CRYSTAL SILVER, 5000 miles, £6,995
2007(07) TOYOTA YARIS T3 VVT-I MM 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 21000 miles, £6,995
2005(05) TOYOTA YARIS T SPIRIT VVT-I 3DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 12000 miles, £6,995
2005(M) TOYOTA YARIS VERSO T3 VVT-I MPV AUTO, CHAMPAGNE, 25000 miles, £6,495
2004(04) TOYOTA YARIS T SPIRIT VVT-I 5DR HATCH, BLACK, 25000 miles, £5,495

NISSAN

2008(58) NISSAN QASHQAI TEKNA 4WD 5DR TD HATCH AUTO 4x4, CAFFE LATTE, 11000 miles, £19,995
2010(10) NISSAN QASHQAI TEKNA 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLADE SILVER, 10000 miles, £19,995
2010(59) NISSAN QASHQAI TEKNA 5DR HATCH AUTO, GREY, 12000 miles, £19,495
2009(09) NISSAN QASHQAI TEKNA 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 8000 miles, £17,995
2010(10) NISSAN QASHQAI ACENTA 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 4000 miles, £17,995
2009(09) NISSAN QASHQAI ACENTA 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 17000 miles, £15,995
2009(09) NISSAN QASHQAI ACENTA 5DR HATCH, ORANGE, 7000 miles, £15,995
2008(58) NISSAN QASHQAI ACENTA 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 14000 miles, £14,995
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2008(08) NISSAN NOTE TEKNA MPV AUTO, BLACK, 7000 miles, £7,995
2010(60) NISSAN PIXO N-TEC 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 999 miles, £7,995
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2007(57) NISSAN MICRA SPIRITA 3DR HATCH AUTO, RED, 18000 miles, £6,995
2007(57) NISSAN MICRA ACENTA 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 15000 miles, £6,995
2007(57) NISSAN MICRA SPIRITA 3DR HATCH AUTO, RED, 11000 miles, £6,495
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2009(09) VAUXHALL ASTRA DESIGN 16V E4 5DR HATCH AUTO, SILVER LIGHTNING, 14000 miles, £8,995
2009(59) VAUXHALL ASTRA LIFE AC 5DR HATCH AUTO, GREEN, 2000 miles, £8,995
2009(58) VAUXHALL ASTRA DESIGN 16V E4 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 8000 miles, £8,495
2008(58) VAUXHALL ASTRA DESIGN 16V E4 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 30000 miles, £8,495
2008(58) VAUXHALL ASTRA LIFE AC 16V E4 5DR HATCH AUTO, ULTRA BLUE, 11000 miles, £7,495
2007(57) VAUXHALL ASTRA DESIGN 16V E4 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 19000 miles, £6,995
2007(57) VAUXHALL ASTRA DESIGN 16V E4 5DR HATCH AUTO, TURQUOISE, 20000 miles, £6,995
2008(08) VAUXHALL ASTRA LIFE AC 16V E4 5DR HATCH AUTO, BEIGEBUFF, 14000 miles, £6,995
2007(57) VAUXHALL ASTRA LIFE AC 16V E4 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 17000 miles, £5,995
2007(57) VAUXHALL ASTRA LIFE AC 16V E4 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 19000 miles, £5,995
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2008(58) VAUXHALL ASTRA LIFE AC 140 ESTATE AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 8000 miles, £7,995
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2007(57) VAUXHALL ASTRA DESIGN 140 ESTATE AUTO, BLUE, 14000 miles, £6,995
2008(08) VAUXHALL ASTRA LIFE AC 140 ESTATE AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 12000 miles, £6,995
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2010(10) VAUXHALL MERIVA DESIGN 16V MPV AUTO, BLUE, 1000 miles, £10,995
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2007(57) PEUGEOT 307 S COUPE CABRIOLET COUPE AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 8000 miles, £9,995
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2007(07) HONDA JAZZ DSI SE 5DR HATCH AUTO, RED, 8000 miles, £8,995
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2010(60) MERCEDES-BENZ A CLASS A160 CLASSIC SE 5DR HATCH AUTO, MOUNTAIN GREY, 1610 miles, £13,995
2009(09) MERCEDES-BENZ A CLASS A160 CDI CLASSIC SE 5DR TD HATCH AUTO, STEPPE BROWN, 13000 miles, £12,995
2008(58) MERCEDES-BENZ A CLASS A150 CLASSIC SE LWB 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 6000 miles, £10,995
2007(57) MERCEDES-BENZ A CLASS A150 CLASSIC SE 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 6000 miles, £9,995
2007(56) MERCEDES-BENZ A CLASS A150 CLASSIC SE 5DR HATCH AUTO, GREY, 12000 miles, £8,995
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2008(58) VOLKSWAGEN POLO MATCH 3DR AUTO, BLACK, 12000 miles, £8,995
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2007(07) VOLKSWAGEN POLO S (80BHP) 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 18000 miles, £7,995
2007(07) VOLKSWAGEN POLO S 3DR HATCH AUTO, REFLEX SILVER, 16000 miles, £7,495

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2008(58) NISSAN QASHQAI TEKNA 4WD 5DR TD HATCH AUTO 4x4, CAFFE LATTE, 11000 miles, £19,995
2009(59) RENAULT GRAND SCENIC DYNAMIQUE DCI FAP TURBO MPV AUTO, BLUE, 6000 miles, £16,995
2010(60) VAUXHALL MERIVA SE CDTI TURBO MPV AUTO, GREY, 5000 miles, £16,995
2010(60) VAUXHALL ZAFIRA ELITE CDTI TURBO MPV AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 3000 miles, £16,995
2009(09) MERCEDES-BENZ A CLASS A160 CDI CLASSIC SE 5DR TD HATCH AUTO, STEPPE BROWN, 13000 miles, £12,995
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VW aims to be the pick of pick-up set

VOLKSWAGEN'S new Amarok pick-up is due on sale in the spring.

It will arguably be become the first pick-up truck with some badge cachet – more for the builder 'who done good' and surveyor set rather than the builder's bum brigade.

The German marque expects the Amarok's appeal to be boosted by the largest load dimensions in its class and technology and safety systems not usually associated with the sector such as electronic differential lock, anti-slip regulation, ESP with hill hold assist, hill descent control, and off-road ABS.

A special Berghaus version has been created in collaboration with the outdoor clothing specialist.

The California Berghaus limited edition model will be available with a 2.0-litre BiTDI 180PS engine and boast standard equipment including a bike rack, awning, Berghaus-branded carpet mats and waterproof seat covers, and exclusive 18-inch two-colour 'Dakar' alloy wheels.

Alfa's new diesel engine for Giulietta



ALFA Romeo's Giulietta five-door hatchback range has been boosted by the addition of a new second generation MultiJet diesel engine. The firm's new 2.0 JTDM-2 140bhp unit boasts low fuel consumption and running costs.

The new Alfa Romeo Giulietta features reduced CO2 emissions and reduced fuel consumption (119 g/km and 62.8 mpg respectively in the combined cycle). In real terms, with a 13 per cent benefit in kind rate, 40 per cent tax bracket company car drivers will pay as little as £90 a month in company car tax for the Lusso trim version.

This particular Giulietta also boasts a long servicing interval – 21,000 miles – thus minimising work required on the vehicle during its life cycle and cutting its running costs.

Gordini Wind Roadster blows into town



FOLLOWING the launch of the Twingo and Clio Gordini models, Renault's Wind Roadster is the next to receive special attention.

The coupe-roadster bears the Gordini colours and comes with 17-inch black diamond alloy wheels. It features Malta blue bodywork with trademark twin white stripes, Glacier white door mirrors, grille trim and rear wing, and a gloss black roof.

The cabin features special 'Gordini' black and blue leather upholstery, blue and white door straps and a blue leather steering wheel with the signature white stripes on the centreband.

A leather gear lever gaiter and polished metal gearknob bearing the Gordini name complete the look.

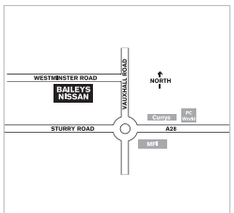


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DrivingReview

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Ford **Mondeo**



Mondeo getting better with age

NEW ERA: Ford is hoping its latest Mondeo will lead to a return of premium saloon drivers

MONDEO man may not have proved as pivotal in last year's General Election as he was back in 1997, but at least he can take solace in the fact that in the 13 years since, he has become better looking, more reliable and more powerful.

He may or may not be so pleased to hear that he's also become more exclusive. In the decade and a bit since New Labour entered power on a ground-swell of support from the Ford Mondeo driving everyman, the rep-segment staple has been overtaken as the vehicle of choice for motorway journey-men by the premium BMW 3 Series model, with drivers buoyed by a booming economy and an arguably more even distribution of wealth.

A couple of years on from the hardest-hitting recession of a generation all of that seems a long time ago – and now the Ford Mondeo is gunning to bring some of those premium saloon drivers back into its fold as the age of austerity hits home.

There are one or two problems, however. Firstly, the Mondeo had become rather expensive as a result of a drop in the value of sterling. Secondly, those drivers who have been enjoying the high regard, powerful performance and premium feel that a German marque affords have become somewhat accustomed to the trappings.

The responses have come two-fold. Ford has recently restructured its price plans across the existing line-up of models, offering far greater value across its range, including the Mondeo.

And now the Mondeo has been revised with the aim of offering more power, more refinement and a more premium feel.

Read any review of the previous generation Ford Mondeo and it will tell you that it offers a class-leading package. Handsome good looks, a spacious interior, a contemporary cockpit and the crisp handling that's become expected of Ford models were all present.

It's probably for the best, then, that Ford has concentrated its efforts resulting in a revised model that is at once comfortingly familiar and intriguingly different.

It's worth noting early on that the traditional four-door saloon model is no more in the UK due to lack of demand.

From the outside, the changes are subtle but apparent up close. The shared front ends are more in keeping with the hugely popular Focus and S-Max models. The upper portion of the grille is sleeker, while the lower, trapezoidal portion has been made larger.

LED running lamps are integrated into the fog-lamp units and, along the sides, more chrome around the windows of the upper trim level models highlights the sleek window line and gives a greater impression of quality.

The same affect is mostly achieved inside, with revisions to details such as the door-panel design giving a more upmarket and design-conscious feel. The centre console boasts a simple and attractive layout while the instrument binnacle is very impressive, with a clear colour display conveying information in an effortlessly absorbed manner.

The menu-based interface takes a little practice to master but is a success, and even the models equipped with the new lane departure warning and speed limiter options use a minimum of buttons.

Material quality is good, with soft touch plastics to the upper portion of the dash. Only the satin-finish surround for the centre console is likely to divide opinion.

The changes go beyond cosmetics. Two new engine options include a 197bhp version of the 2.2-litre 'DuraTorq' diesel and a 237bhp, 2.0-litre 'EcoBoost' petrol. The latter is available with Ford's six-speed, twin-clutch PowerShift automatic transmission.

It's a slick combination and one that makes the most of the Mondeo's cosseting ride and responsive chassis, with seamless drive and an impressive turn of speed. Importantly, it's as smooth in town at low speed as when cruising, requiring no special treatment from the driver's seat.

Interior space remains one of the Mondeo's trump cards. It feels hugely accommodating from the passenger seats, and the boot is generous in five-door form. For the driver, the impression of size remains present on the road – making it a tight vehicle to position against an oncoming tractor – but it's a small price to pay for such accommodation.

Mondeo man can continue to feel on top of his game for a few more years yet.

DrivingFacts

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Nissan Juke

Juke's no box



NISSAN has been transformed in just a few years from being viewed as boring to being one of the funkiest brands around.

What's more, with its huge Sunderland plant churning out cars for the home market and Europe, it is also seen increasingly as a British brand; no small thing at a time when Brits are tempted to put their money where the local jobs are while also making the best of sterling's low buying power.

Last year, the brand launched another winner out of its plant in the North East – the curiously named Juke.

It can mean a lively roadside bar in the USA or a crafty manoeuvre in sport; either would fit the distinctive Nissan, though it eludes another obvious association – jukebox.

The Juke isn't in any way a box, even if a distinctive front lighting array allows the car to be lit up like an old-fashioned Wurlitzer jukebox and it represents a funky selection, if you want a different style of supermini.

Nissan designed it to shake up that small car sector like its big brother, the Qashqai, which has already rattled the family hatchback market and created a new market segment – crossover.

Its baby brother ain't pretty, but superminis are the shopping trolleys of the motoring world – and can all look alike when parked in rows down at the local Tesco. The Juke can stand apart though, with its British-built bulldog looks.

And if the lines are aggressive, so is the pricing from £12,995, which buys you a small car that can also trade punches with mainstream family hatchbacks – a size up from superminis.

The Juke is a fun car to drive too; it sits higher than average but handles tautly even if a relatively heavy body tends to lean on the bends.

And is offered with some good engines, though it's a tough call on whether to go for petrol or diesel. The latter is a 108bhp version of the familiar 1.5-litre unit from Nissan's parent, Renault, which is well-regarded from appearances in various car models, but adds around £1,300 to the price of an equivalent Juke with the cheapest engine option, a 115bhp 1.6-litre petrol.

There is also a performance choice (from £16,045): a 187bhp petrol engine as driven here that plays to the Juke's handling strengths and is also smooth and enjoyable to live with.

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2005/55 PLATE VAUXHALL ASTRA CLUB 1.8 AUTO 5 DOOR
in metallic midnight black with contrasting black cloth interior-air conditioning-electric windows-remote control central locking-rear parking sensors-alloy wheels-drivers seat height adjustment-electric adjustable door mirrors-multifunction steering wheel-c/d in-car entertainment system-multiple airbag protection system-this would make a great family car and being automatic is a rare find. £4,495

2004/54 PLATE VOLKSWAGEN BEETLE Tdi DIESEL 3 DOOR
in stardust metallic silver with contrasting black cloth interior-air conditioning-heated front seats-front fog lights-electric windows-electric adjustable door mirrors-rear parking sensors-c/d in-car entertainment system-multiple airbag protection system-front height adjustable seats-front armrest-this is car offers great fuel economy and a real pleasure to drive. £5,995

2005/05 PLATE PEUGEOT 307 XSI 2.0 HDI DIESEL 3 DOOR
in metallic stardust silver with contrasting black half leather interior-air conditioning-alloy wheels-electric windows-c/d in-car entertainment system-remote control central lockingelectric adjustable door mirrors-drivers seat height adjustmentmultiple airbag protection system-this car is offered with a full service history,is in great condition and has good fuel economy. £4,995

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in ice blue metallic with contrasting dark grey interior, 6 speed gearbox, electric windows, air conditioning, remote central locking, CD in car entertainment system, front fog lights, multi air bag protection system, electric adjustable door mirrors, drivers seat height adjustment, this car offers great fuel economy and good value for money £4,495

2002/02 PLATE VOLKSWAGEN PASSAT 2.0 SE AUTO 4 DOOR
in metallic charcoal grey with contrasting black cloth interior-air conditioning-electric windows-remote control central locking-alloy wheels-c/d in-car entertainment system-electric adjustable door mirrors-drivers seat height adjustment-multiple airbag protection system-this car offers great value for money and has a full service history. £3,495

2003/53 RENAULT ESPACE 2.2 DIESEL INITIAL 7 SEATER,
in magenta red metallic with contrasting sand leather/suede interior, air conditioning/climate control, factory fit satellite navigation, full panoramic glass sunroof, remote control stereo and CD multi changer, electric/memory seats, abs, all round air bag protection, rear picnic tables and headrests, rear park distance control, new card start ignition system with remote control central locking/alarm and immobiliser, automatic screen wipers, automatic light control, front centre armrests, abs, automatic traction control, electric retractable wing mirrors, electric windows, rear blinds, an absolutely stunning 7 seater with lots and lots of extras, the highest spec you can get with more than enough space, full service history, be quick this is priced to sell at only £5,995

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2007/56 PLATE NEW VAUXHALL ZAFIRA 1.6 ACTIVE 7 SEATER
in midnight black metallic with contrasting black cloth interior-air conditioning-electric windows-alloy wheels-remote control central locking-7 seats-c/d in-car entertainment system-drivers seat height adjustment-electric adjustable door mirrors-multifunction steering wheel-multiple airbag protection system-this car is the latest shape,one owner from new with a full service history and offers great value for money at only. £5,995

2003/03 PLATE CITROEN XSARA PICASSO 1.6 SX 5 DOOR
in stardust silver with contrasting dark blue cloth interior-air conditioning-power steering-remote control central locking-electric windows-multifunction steering wheel-electric adjustable door mirrors-front fog lights-c/d in-car entertainment system-drivers seat height adjustment-multiple airbag protection system-rear passenger tables-underfloor storage compartments-front armrests this family car offers great value for money and lots of space. £3,495

ARRIVING SHORTLY
2004/04 PLATE FORD FOCUS 1.6 GHIA 5 DOOR
in metallic moondust blue with contrasting dark grey cloth interior-air conditioning-electric windows-alloy wheels-electric adjustable door mirrors-c/d in-car entertainment system-multiple airbag protection system-drivers seat height adjustment-remote control central locking-multifunction steering wheel-front armrest-front fog lights-this car is offered with a full service history 44,000 miles from new and is great value for money at only £3995

ARRIVING SHORTLY
2007/07 PLATE FORD FOCUS 1.6 ZETEC CLIMATE 5 DOOR
in ocean blue metallic with contrasting black cloth interior-air conditioning-alloy wheels-remote control central locking-electric windows-front fog lights-drivers seat height adjustment-c/d in-car entertainment system-multiple airbag protection system-electric adjustable door mirrors-this car is one owner from new with a full service history and offers great value for money at only. £6,495

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2001/51 PLATE RENAULT ESPACE 2.0 THE RACE IN METALLIC SILVER WITH CONTRASTING DARK BLUE CLOTH INTERIOR-AIR CONDITIONING-ALLOY WHEELS-REMOTE CONTROL CENTRAL LOCKING-7 SEATS-NEW MOT THIS CAR IS A GREAT FAMILY CAR £2995
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2000 (X) V W GOLF 1.6 SE, 5 door in racing green metallic, air conditioning, electric windows, remote control central locking, heated front seats, in car entertainment system, taxed & mot £1,995
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1997 (P) MAZDA 323 1.5 LXI 5 DOOR in metalic red, alloy wheels, power steering, electric windows, this car has a mot and is taxed, clean and a very good runner and all for £895
2000 (W) SKODA FELICIA 1.6 GLXI 5 DOOR in metallic green with power steering, CD incar entertainment system, central locking, this car is taxed and mot with only 61,000 miles from new £995









auto 'box only. I've not driven it, but at that price and with the Juke unlikely to yomp across a ploughed field despite off-roader styling cues, I'd say that's an expensive posemobile.

Stick with the idea that you are buying a versatile five-door hatchback that is well-priced and distinctively styled though, and the Juke makes a strong case.

Nissan has also ensured the eye-catching exterior is not let down by a dull cabin. You sit quite high up though the rising shoulder-line impinges on the view out for smaller passengers in the back, while taller ones there may find their headroom affected by the pseudo coupe styling. For the same reason, the boot is also rather small for what seems a relatively big car.

But these are trade-offs that many buyers will surely give up to get something so distinct from the run-of-the-mill hatchback and it's hard to even think what it's obvious rival would be since it almost sits in a category of one – sports crossover perhaps – which is why I went for the Alfa MiTo (see facts panel), simply because it's another fun car that says much about the person who drives it.

DrivingPortfolio

NISSAN JUKE 1.6 ACENTA DIG-T (SPORT PACK) £16,045

Driving appeal (OUT OF FIVE)	★★★★
Image	★★★★★
Space	★★★
Value	★★★★
Running costs	★★★★
Reliability	★★★★
How green?	★★★
Road tax	£155/year
Best rival	Alfa Romeo MiTo

TheVerdict

DON'T LIKE: the rear passenger's experience – high windows and a lack of headroom

NOT SURE: everyone will like the Juke's in yer face looks

REALLY LIKE: the aggressive pricing to go with the bulldog demeanor – it's a great fun car for the money

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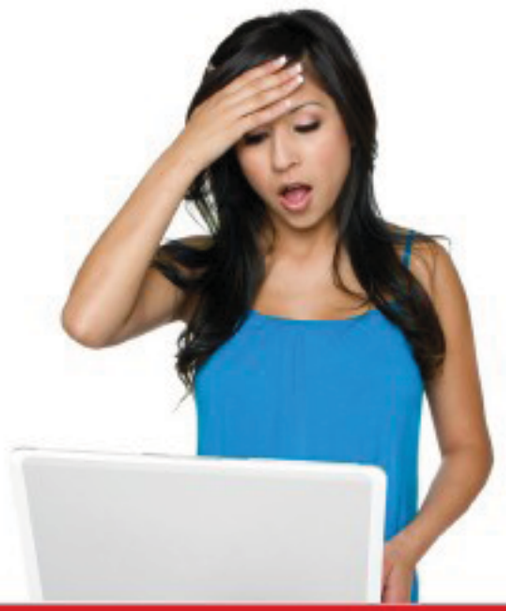
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2004 04 SAAB 9-5 2.0T Vector, 4 Drs, Manual, Saloon, Petrol, 73,000 Miles, BLACK, 2 Owners, Adjustable Steering Column/Wheel, Air Con, Anti Theft System, CD, Central Locking, Child Locks, Climate Control, Computer, Driver Airbag, Electric Mirrors/Windows, Multi Function Steering Wheel, Power Assisted Steering, Radio/CD Playing, Alloys, Cruise Control, Headlight Washers, Passenger Airbag, Radio/Cassette, Side Airbags, Radio/CD, Traction Control, Alarm, Remote Control, Body Coloured Bumpers, Drivers Airbag, Electric Door Mirrors, Front Electric Windows, Front Fog Lights, Heated Door Mirrors, Isofix Child Seat Anchor Points, PAS, Rear Electric Windows, Remote Central Locking, Trip Computer, Cloth Seat Trim, Leather Seat Trim, Solid Paint, Partial Leather Seat Trim. Insurance Group: 13E **£4,295**

2001 Y Reg SAAB 9-3 2.2 TiD, 5 Doors, Manual, Hatchback, Diesel, 95,000 miles, RED, 2 Owners. ABS, Central locking, Headlight washers, Immobiliser, Passenger airbag, Side airbags, Radio/CD, 3x3 point rear seat belts, Air con, Body coloured bumpers, Drivers airbag, CD, Electric door mirrors, Front electric windows, Alarm, Power assisted steering, Multi function steering wheel, Partial leather seat trim, Leather seat trim, Solid Paint, Remote locking, Heated door mirrors, Computer, Electric mirrors, Driver airbag, PAS, Rear electric windows, Steering wheel reach adjustment, Rear wiper, Alloy wheels, Anti theft system, Child locks, Electric windows, Full Service History, Climate Control, Remote central locking, Trip computer. 1 YEARS MOT, TAX AUGUST 2011 ..... **£2,995**

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2000 W Reg SAAB 9-3 2.0T, 5 Drs, Manual, Hatchback, Petrol, 70,471 miles, Metallic RED, 2 Owners. Heated door mirrors, Drivers airbag, Central locking, Trip computer, Passenger airbag, Steering wheel reach adjustment, Cloth upholstery, Part Service History, Child locks, CD, Immobiliser, Side airbags, Front electric windows, Electric door mirrors, Rear electric windows, ABS, Headlight washers, Body coloured bumpers, PAS, Radio/Cassette, Air con, Radio, Service indicator. Insurance Group: 13E **£1,995**

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Q My husband has been offered a Premier Current Account by our bank, Lloyds TSB. I think it looks expensive, but he says the benefits are worth more than the monthly £25 fees. If he is right, is there any account that I can point him towards that would give similar benefits but cost less? AS

A This is a "packaged account" at the top end of the price scale, and everything depends on your lifestyle. If you and your husband are jet-setters who travel the world clutching your mobile phones, then you might benefit from the Premier account. But the chances are that you could do better by picking and choosing the various perks that go into the package, and then buying them elsewhere. The benefits include travel insurance, international mobile phone insurance, and access to a privileged lounge at the airport. There is also credit card protection and AA breakdown cover. All of these are available elsewhere, and if you need them, you will probably have them already. And if you belong to the AA, you may well have more than just breakdown insurance – so paying for it as part of a packaged account means paying twice over. The watchdog Financial Services Authority has some concerns over the spread of packaged accounts. It is making inquiries into the way all the big banks market them. For example, some customers may not be eligible to make a claim under travel policies, perhaps because of their age or pre-existing poor health, so they end up paying for insurance that is no use to them. Could your husband get a packaged account more cheaply elsewhere? Yes, of course. Natwest's Advantage Gold account costs only £12.95 a month. It includes Green Flag breakdown cover, travel insurance and mobile phone insurance, as well as some holiday and hotel discounts. But the same golden rule applies – check the benefits and see how much use you would make of them. Try not to end up paying again for perks you already have elsewhere.

Q I am tempted by Nationwide's Protected Equity Bond as it pays 7pc interest, with more if the stock market rises. Normally, I would avoid anything connected to shares, but this appears to guarantee that my money could not go down. SO

A With interest rates very low, it is not surprising that investors are attracted to any scheme that offers a 7pc return. But I hope you noticed that this is a six-year investment, and that 7pc is the total return, not an annual figure! This works out at 1.13pc each year, which is pretty much what you can get elsewhere without locking up your savings until 2017. And there is a cap on the profit you can make if share prices do rise. This works out at a maximum annual gain of 6.99pc. True, your savings will not go down, but I doubt that they will go up by very much, either. And you may need your money at some point in the next six years.

Q My sincere thanks for your advice in December to people who were taxed under Pay As You Earn but are now being told they owe in excess of £1,000 in unpaid tax from the previous two years. On the day the article appeared, I received a letter from HM Revenue to say I had underpaid £1,056. I challenged this, as you advised, and yesterday I received an official letter to say I need not pay it. RS

A It is always good to learn that a piece of advice has worked out so well. For the benefit of other readers, my advice was that the instruction manual for tax officials includes something called Extra Statutory Concession A19. This says that tax can be cancelled if you declared all your income and arrears were caused through mistakes by the taxman or a failure to make use of the information you supplied.

Q According to the BBC, interest rates are expected to rise soon. Assuming I can get a mortgage, would a fixed-rate loan be better than a tracker, even though it would cost more at first? TLP

A I do expect a rate rise, but not a sharp one. The Bank of England is unlikely to risk the economic recovery with any major increase. I would opt for a tracker mortgage, but you could try for the best of both worlds as the Skipton Building Society (0845 850 1711) offers a tracker at 3.49pc interest with the option to transfer to a fixed rate later.

Q Our daughter will be going to university in Durham. If we buy a flat that she can share with other students, and they pay rent to her, could we be liable for any income tax? GT

A If the flat is yours, then the rental income is yours, even if your daughter collects it. You can claim tax relief for quite a few expenses, though. There is a useful list in the Money section of the government website www.direct.gov.uk

If you have a personal-finance question, write to Tony Hetherington, MyMoney24, Prospect House, Rouen Road, Norwich NR1 1RE. We regret that neither Tony nor the MyMoney24 team can enter into personal correspondence.

Food price inflation unfair, says report

By ED FOSS
MyMoney24 writer

Food price inflation in the UK could be described as unfair or excessive, according to a new report by a leading investment bank.

And a formal government-led food price inquiry could be sparked by the behaviour of supermarkets in raising their prices above and beyond what is justified by inflationary pressures, the report from UBS has warned.

Commodity price inflation over the past few months would justify a 3pc to 3.5pc increase in processed food prices, but supermarkets have increased prices by 6pc to 6.5pc, said the bank.

UBS economist Paul Donovan, who co-wrote the report, said: "That suggests there may be margin expansion in the supermarket sector.

"Prices are rising in excess of justifiable cost increases."

He added that price increases by supermarkets were adding 0.3 to 0.5 percentage points to the official consumer prices index of inflation, currently at 4pc.

The research also showed shoppers were seeing steeper rises in food prices than most other members of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD).

According to UBS, food prices in Britain have been rising at an annual rate of 4.9pc, compared with a Eurozone average of 1.8pc.

A weak pound had contributed to the UK increase, but the scale of inflation had made Britain the OECD country "most vulnerable" to political interference.

"UK food prices are rising more rapidly than most other OECD economies' food prices, and have significantly outstripped food retailers' cost inflation.

"This could allow UK politicians to suggest that food price inflation is 'unfair' or 'excessive'."



FOOD FOR THOUGHT: A new report by UBS has found that food prices have risen by 6pc to 6.5pc in some stores.

A British Retail Consortium spokesman said: "There is no question that grocery prices in this country are still lower than most other European countries because of our intensely competitive supermarket industry. Food prices have not risen at anything like the same rate as commodity prices.

"It is clear that supermarkets are shielding customers from the full impact."

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BAD HABIT: Quitting saves money.

Stubbing out the fags could see smokers being better off by thousands of pounds – and not just because they have stopped forking out on tobacco.

With National No-Smoking Day coming round again, the data crunchers at Moneysupermarket have calculated that someone who kicks the habit could save themselves an average of £6,659 on a combined critical illness cover (CIC) and life cover policy, or up to £1,570 on a single life-insurance policy.

Meanwhile, with the average smoker getting through about 14 cigarettes a day, someone giving up could save more than £1,800 a year on tobacco. At a time when many people are seeing the cost of living going through the roof, it's something well worth considering – above and beyond the obvious health benefits.

"Not only can smokers reap the medical benefits by kicking the habit, they can avoid letting their hard-earned cash go up in smoke," said Emma Walker, head of protection at Moneysupermarket.

"With significant savings to be made, those who make the decision to quit should shop around for the best insurance deals to suit their circumstances."

It's important to remember that insurers will insist a smoker has kicked the habit for a full year in order to be classed as a "non-smoker" and qualify for savings on their life-insurance premiums.

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By **ADAM AIKEN**
MyMoney24 editor



How to beat the EU's insurance crackdown

This week's ruling by the European Court of Justice means we are likely to see changes to our insurance premiums.

What precisely will happen is yet to become clear, but it is certain that it will be even more important for consumers to shop around for the best deals.

Day-to-day premiums for general insurance are likely to be affected, with young women motorists probably at greatest risk of seeing hikes in their bills.

Another group of people who could see a major impact are those approaching retirement, with fears that men will see their pension payouts cut thanks to the inability of insurers to compensate them for their lower life expectancy.

Whatever age you are, you can expect to see some changes, so here are a few tips from the experts on keeping your car insurance premiums down, and your pension income up.

CAR INSURANCE

Annual mileage

If you drive only about 6,000 miles a year instead of the average 12,000, it's worth selecting the lower mileage on your insurance as it can make a difference to your premiums. But don't underestimate your mileage in the hope of tricking your insurer.

"If you said you drove 6,000 miles a year but you actually drove 20,000, it may invalidate your insurance if you do have to make a claim," said John Miles, business development director at comparison site Gocompare.com.

Courtesy cars

Don't assume that the courtesy car on your policy is standard. It may be an extra you're paying for.

"If you think you could manage without a courtesy car if yours is taken off the road for a while, it's worth seeing how much you could save by removing it from your policy," said Mr Miles.

Increase your excess

Opting for a higher voluntary excess could help to lower your premiums – but you will need to decide if paying a slightly lower premium is worth the risk of having to contribute more towards repairs if you do have to make a claim.

Named drivers

A motorist who is young or inexperienced, or who has made claims or has motoring convictions, can benefit from having a named driver on the policy. "An older driver with a clean licence and plenty of no-claims bonus entitlement could reduce your premium," said Mr Miles. "But if you're the main driver, make sure you're noted as such on the policy. If you say the more experienced person is the main driver when they are not, you're likely to be found guilty of a fraud known as 'fronting', and you could invalidate your insurance."

Protected no-claims

"If you've accumulated several years' no-claims bonus, you may want to consider protecting it so that you still benefit from the discount it entitles you to if you make a claim," said Mr Miles. "This will increase your premiums a little bit but, in the long term, it could pay for itself many times over."

Look around before you renew

Never accept the first quote you're given and never automatically renew. Insurers rarely reward you for loyalty, and people who don't switch will end up subsidising those who do.

PENSIONS

It is not just general insurance that will be affected – pension providers will also be barred from using gender as a factor when deciding what annuities to pay people in retirement. At the moment, men tend to receive a higher monthly income from their annuities because they have a shorter life expectancy than women. But just because gender is being taken out of the equation, it does not mean that all annuities will be the same. Far from it, in fact – using what is called the open market option, you should search to find the insurance company that will give you the most generous monthly income in return for your pension pot.

Don't be put off

Ray Black, an IFA and founder of Money-minder.com, said it was important not to let the publicity generated by the court's decision put you off the idea of a pension.

"Saving into a pension is still extremely tax-efficient, and with new rules regarding the flexibility of what you can do with your pension pot, it is an essential element of retirement planning," he said.

Annuity options

Pension providers will issue you with retirement quotes that have various options, such as a spouse's pension, an annual escalation or a guaranteed period. Shaun Braybrook, an independent financial adviser with NW Brown Financial Services, said: "You are not usually obliged to take the benefits in a particular format, so consideration should be given to which of these options are the most appropriate for you."

Guarantees

"Check whether your pension plan has any guaranteed rates or minimum income levels associated with it," said Mr Braybrook.

"Older policies in particular often include these, and they usually compare very favourably with today's annuity rates. More modern plans will not normally have these guarantees, but it is always worth checking."

Enhanced annuities

Having been encouraged to stay healthy throughout your life, you can benefit from a better pension if you suffer from ill health.

Mr Braybrook said: "A number of insurance companies will turn your pension into a retirement income based on your state of health.

"Any medical or lifestyle conditions, both past and present, could be considered, and many people could now qualify for enhancements even if they suffer from relatively mild problems such as high blood pressure."

Other options

Buying a traditional annuity is not the only way to provide you with a retirement income.

"Other options are available should you wish to take some level of investment risk," said Mr Braybrook. "These can be more complex but could ultimately provide you with a way to boost your retirement income or perhaps leave a greater amount to be passed on to your loved ones."

Mr Black suggested the court ruling could play a part in encouraging income drawdown – taking a cash lump sum – rather than annuities.

"For many years now, annuities haven't offered particularly good value," he said.

"For people with pension pots of more than £100,000, the European Court of Justice ruling could make income drawdown even more attractive."

Start early

"Young people don't think much about what will happen to them when they retire but the simple fact is that the sooner you start putting money into a pension, the better off you'll be when you do give up work," said Mr Black.

"For a basic-rate taxpayer, for every £80 you put into a pension plan, the government will top this up to £100. For a higher-rate taxpayer, the benefits are even greater."

Even if you don't work and don't pay tax, you can still contribute up to £2,880 a year and the government will top it up to £3,600.

PICK OF THE WEEK

In association with the experts at Moneyfacts.co.uk, we highlight some of the best new products launched this week.

Savings: Melton Mowbray Building Society

The Online 100-Day Notice has been launched by the Melton Mowbray. This online-only account pays a monthly rate of 2.75pc. Investors can make deposits of between £1,000 and £250,000. Savers must give 100 days' notice to access funds and early access is not allowed.

A maximum withdrawal limit of £10,000 a day also applies. All transactions must be made via a nominated account. Savers must be aged 16 and over.

Why is it good?

This rate features as one of the market leaders for monthly interest, although investors must plan ahead if they need to access funds as no early access is permitted.

Savings: Halifax

Halifax has launched its Isa Direct Reward paying an annual rate of 3pc, including a variable bonus of 2.5pc for 12 months. The rate reverts to that of the Isa Saver Direct (currently paying 0.5pc) after 12 months. The minimum investment is £1 and the initial deposit must be made within 28 days of opening the account. Transfers in are accepted. The account is available to savers aged 16 and over and can be operated online or by telephone.

Why is it good?

The rate on this new product is 0.2pc higher than its predecessor, and the deal sits just below the current market-leading no-notice Isa.

Mortgages: Principality Building Society

The society has reduced its buy-to-let variable tracker rate mortgages by up to 0.3pc. The new two-year tracker deal offers a rate of 3.19pc, has a maximum loan-to-value of 60pc and has a fee of 2.5pc of the mortgage advance. Incentives of a free valuation and free legal fees for remortgage customers are offered.

Why is it good?

The previously-reduced 3.29pc two-year tracker rate has been dropped again, making it the lowest-priced product over this term.

Personal loans: M&S Money

M&S Money has reduced its unsecured personal loan rate for its £7,500 to £15,000 tier by 0.6pc, to 6.9pc. Customers need to be aged 30 and over or be existing homeowners to apply for this product and be aware that the rates quoted will be dependent on their credit ratings.

Why is it good?

By reducing its rate, M&S Money now offers the lowest rates available for amounts between £7,500 and £15,000. Applicants have the option to defer payments for three months if necessary and the loan term can be as long as seven years.

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INSIDE THIS WEEK



THE results of this year's Taste of Kent Awards are in.

Winners were chosen across 12 categories including best restaurant, brewery and food product. The Produced in Kent competition drew more than 10,000 votes from food and drink fans and saw 542 businesses and products nominated for an award – see our report inside.

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Lazenby leaves KRBS weeks after takeover

KENT Reliance boss Mike Lazenby has left the company three weeks after the completion of a £50 million takeover, ***writes Business Editor Simon Robinson.***

Mr Lazenby stood down from the newly-retitled OneSavings Bank on Monday, ending his 11-year tenure as CEO.

His departure comes just three weeks after US private equity firm JC Flowers' takeover of the Chatham-based mutual went through.

Mr Lazenby said: "It has been a pleasure to serve members' interests as CEO of Kent Reliance and latterly as CEO of OneSavings Bank. I am proud of the strong reputation we have built in retail financial services, and it has been a privilege to work with such a talented team.

"I have no doubt OneSavings Bank will go from strength-to-strength while retaining its mutual ethos at the heart of the business."

OneSavings Bank chairman Malcolm McCaig said: "Mike is a passionate supporter of mutuality and had the foresight to recognise the need for Kent Reliance to seek a partner to preserve its mutual ethos and develop its franchise.



DEPARTURE: Mike Lazenby was at the helm of Kent Reliance for 11 years

"He played a key part in the creation of OneSavings Bank, and, in doing so, has helped protect the interests of members as part of a bigger, better capitalised and competitive player in the financial services sector.

"Having achieved this, Mike and the board have agreed that the time is right for him to step down from his position as CEO.

"The board would like to thank him for all he has done for KRBS and OneSavings Bank and for his role in creating such a strong foundation for future growth. We wish him well in his future endeavours."

KRBS officially became OneSavings Bank on February 1 after 75.8 per cent of members voted in favour of the JC Flowers deal – 75 per cent approval was needed for the deal to go through. Speaking at the time, Mr Lazenby said the takeover would not immediately affect the way KRBS operates.

He said: "We will continue to run as a mutual until JC Flowers owns 90 per cent of the business, which is a long way off.

"They have also agreed not to pay any dividends to their investors for the next five years, which is an incredibly long time in business. For example, five years ago we couldn't possibly have imagined the economy would be the way it is today.

"If they decide after five years that they want their money back – and it's not been agreed that they will – then that would give us the option to buy them out. It's not a given that everything will be over and we'll become a proper bank.

"Five years is a long way off and a lot of things will happen before then. In the meantime we'll be going back to lending people money, which we haven't been able to do for some time, and we'll be offering some pretty good rates."

Professor's stimulating tax theory



LONG VIEW: The University of Kent at Canterbury provides a backdrop for the cathedral across the Stour valley

AN ECONOMIST based at the University of Kent at Canterbury has claimed a slight tax switch could help the country drag its way out of recession.

A study co-authored by Professor Christopher Heady found that switching some of the tax burden from personal and corporate income towards housing and consumption could boost recovery.

Working with a team of researchers from the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), Prof Heady found that taxes on consumption, such as VAT, and taxes on the ownership or occupation of houses, such as council tax, are the best way to stimulate longer-term growth. Coupled with income tax cuts, a shift of just one per cent of tax revenues in this direction could increase economic output by between 0.25 to one per cent, the research team found.

Their findings are published in this month's issue of The Economic Journal.

"When the economy is in recession, the best taxes to cut early are on income taxes for people on low incomes," said Prof Heady.

"When, as now, the economy is in recovery and the budget deficit needs to be reduced, the best taxes to increase are taxes on consumption and on the ownership or occupation of houses. Although taxes on housing are unpopular and could produce only modest increases in revenue, they should be considered because the current arrangements can encourage people to buy houses that are larger than they really need, diverting investment from more productive uses.

"However, taxes on the sale of housing, such as Stamp Duty, should not be increased because they discourage the reallocation of housing to its most productive use and make it expensive for people to move to better jobs. These taxes could even be reduced if sufficient additional revenues were raised from other taxes on housing."

Comment

HIGH-achieving women continue to hit their heads on the impermeable glass ceiling, according to Lord Davies' latest report. Mervyn Davies, who now goes by the grand title of Lord Davies of Abersoch, found that big businesses' boardrooms remain something of a boys' club.

The most recent research by Cranfield School of Management shows women hold just 12.5 per cent of board seats on FTSE 100 firms and only 5.5 per cent of the executive posts available.

Lord Davies' Women on Boards report calls on these firms to increase the number of women in these positions to 25 per cent by 2015.

If this voluntary target is not met, Lord Davies suggested that Government should look to introduce quotas to force the FTSE firms' hands into opening the door to women at the top level.

His precise wording is delightful. In summation of his findings and advice to Government, he writes: "On balance the decision has been made not to recommend quotas. Government must reserve the right to introduce more prescriptive alternatives if the recommended business-led approach does not achieve significant change."

I'm less inclined to proceed with a by-the-numbers quota system. The number of women in boardrooms should be increased but it should be based on meritocracy alone.

Promoting women to the top positions purely as part of a Government target-hitting exercise is no less sexist and demeaning as overlooking them in the first place.

If a female employee has the right credentials and is the most suitable and capable candidate, then it is only right that she should be given the job – any job – over a male counterpart.

These quotas would see the prejudicial balance shift from one extreme to the other.

Vacancies should be filled on the tried-and-tested basis of merit. A stricter and more severe industrial tribunal system would soon see the number of women who successfully and deservedly smash the glass ceiling soar.

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Firm finds the right chemistry

A HI-TECH chemical analysis firm has been brought back from the brink through the expertise of a business advisor.

Laserchrom founder Dr Stuart Jones was considering pulling the plug on the established Medway-based company when the recession took hold in 2009.

But a meeting with a Business Link advisor which identified the firm's unique attributes helped Dr Jones turn the corner.

He said: "We looked at areas of the business such as our chemical expertise and equipment. These are not unique, whereas our hands-on training courses are specific to this niche sector and relatively rare even in the world market.



EXPERTISE: Dr Stuart Jones

"Our advisor suggested this was better than anything anyone else was offering, so this was where we needed to focus our efforts."

The company's training services, rebranded as the Stuart Jones HPLC Academy, saw a 300 per cent increase in bookings within a month.

Dr Jones said: "We continue to provide our core services, but the sudden growth of this one aspect is making all the difference. We now regularly work with food companies, oil refineries, power stations and others, as well as ongoing contracts with two UK universities and others abroad to run the HPLC part of their undergraduate and postgraduate courses."

Business Link's Kent advisor manager Tony Logan said: "It's great to see skilled and committed people getting the rewards they deserve."

Channel share boost



FERRY operator DFDS Seaways increased its Dover market share for the sixth consecutive year, new figures show.

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The company, formerly Norfolkline, has seen its hold of the port's car ferry market increase year-on-year since 2003, rising from three per cent to 30 per cent last year.

Figures from IRN Ferrystats reveal that DFDS Seaways' Dover-Dunkirk car numbers also went up tenfold during the same period, from 85,000 to 850,000.

The company's Chris Newey said: "We are proud to have built such an excellent team, both ashore and on-board, who have provided a superb service.

"Customers have voted with their business. The growth is primarily a result of hard work, but we have also benefited from having a new fleet of purpose-built vessels."

P&O remains the dominant force in Dover, with a 42 per cent share in 2010. SeaFrance, which has consistently handled about 25 per cent of ferry crossings, was pushed into third place by DFDS in 2009.

The operator improved year-on-year, taking its share from 22 per cent in 2009 to 24 per cent last year, but remains in third place, ahead of Hoverspeed, which took four per cent of the car crossings in 2010.

A spokesman said: "SeaFrance is pleased to have maintained market share in an increasingly competitive cross-Channel market.

"This has been achieved without resorting to price-cutting, by which means other operators have increased their share, and is a testament to our continued good value.

"Last year, SeaFrance took 13 per cent more cars than in 2009 and this year has started well, with January car carryings for the short-sea sector up 4.5 per cent against January 2010."

A P&O spokesman declined to comment on the figures.

Eagle's organic growth

FAIR-trading firm Eagle Vending is on track to double its turnover after securing £50,000 funding from Lloyds TSB.

The Rochester-based company, which supplies, distributes and stocks vending machines was awarded the cashflow boost by the bank's commercial finance division.

The firm – the UK's sole distributor of fair-trade vending machines – will use the money to bring a low-calorie hot chocolate machine to market.

Managing director Mike Steele said: "Moving into providing fair-trade, healthy food and beverages was an important step for the company and we have seen increased popularity and acceptance of the products over the past few years, helped along by high-profile campaigners such as Jamie Oliver.

"As the economy improved, we found we needed a cashflow boost to support our organic growth and ensure we had sufficient headroom to capitalise on opportunities such as launching our new beverage dispenser.

"The factoring facility has given us increased liquidity and flexibility by growing in line with sales.

"It has also freed up a considerable amount of admin time as it has a built-in debt management function to chase outstanding invoices."



BANK ON IT: Eagle Vending's Mike Steele and Paul Rice of Lloyds TSB

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TOURISM bosses will jet off to Florida this month to promote Kent's cruise connections.

Representatives of the Visit Kent Cruise Partnership will set up stall at the Cruise Shipping Miami exhibition from Monday to Thursday, March 14-17, in the hope of enticing Americans into setting sail for the Garden of England.

The British delegates will use events such as the marriage of Prince William and Kate Middleton in April, the Open Golf 2011 – being held at Royal St George's, Sandwich – and the 2012 London Olympics as part of their transatlantic pitch.

Visit Kent's Cheryl Parker said: "The exhibition is the perfect place for the Visit Kent Cruise Partnership to reach cruise and tour operators and travel writers from around the world and talk to them about what a great destination Kent is."

PRINTING services company Response Envelopes has created three new posts after relocating to Kent. The firm has moved six employees from their Croydon base to new offices at Springhead Enterprise Park in Northfleet.

A full-time printer has been recruited to help run the firm's new press and two more positions are likely to be created soon. The firm's Zak Park said: "Since working from the new office we've experienced growth in sales and purchased a new printing press."

KENT-based business brothers Simon and Jon Miles have acquired a recycling and waste management company.

The Sevenoaks siblings have taken control of Cambridgeshire firm Singh UK, their third firm in the industry.

The pair have previously owned medical waste business Polkacrest and Verdant, a national waste management company.

Singh UK employs 50 staff and has a turnover of £5 million.

It has three operational centres in March, Peterborough and Whittlesey.

The company can process up to 100,000 tonnes of waste a year.

ACCOUNTANCY recruiting consultancy Goldhawk Associates has reported a 30 per cent increase in vacancies year-on-year.

The Maidstone firm said the first-quarter boom included an unexpected surge in activity from the construction and house building sectors.

Founder Corita Goldhawk said: "Despite all the doom and gloom stories in the media, the market is particularly buoyant at the moment."

Goldhawk said the rise in vacancies was linked to companies looking to expand and increased confidence in the economy.

ONLINE job firm Recruitment Genius has given its website a £50,000 upgrade.

Bosses at the Sevenoaks-based company said the new site would serve as a platform for future growth and help deliver long-term profits.

Chief executive Geoff Newman said: "Online recruitment is not just the future but the 'now'. Businesses are looking for a more cost-effective, reliable method of recruiting staff.

"However, in order to be able to truly support businesses of varying sizes and varying recruitment needs, we need to ensure we are robust enough to do this effectively.

"Our business model might seem simple and to some degree it is. However, we are also a finely-tuned machine which combines significant IT investment with highly-trained staff to ensure our service is seamless."

Davies' verbal hammer taps the 'glass ceiling'

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BIG businesses must smash the glass ceiling for women or face strict quotas, Lord Davies has warned.

In his Women on Boards report, the former Labour trade minister recommends UK-listed FTSE 100 firms should aim to increase female board representation to 25 per cent by 2015.

Women currently occupy just 12.5 per cent of these boardroom positions.

For Lord Davies' target to be reached a third of all new board appointments – 135 in total – will need to go to women in the next four years.

Should business fail to hit the one-in-four female board members figure, the former Standard Chartered chairman has hinted that they face the introduction of "more prescriptive changes" in the form of enforced quotas.

Lord Davies' report also recommends that companies should set targets for 2013 and 2015 to ensure that more talented and gifted women can get into the top jobs in companies across the UK.

Firms should also fully disclose the number of women on their boards and working in their organisations as a whole in order to drive up the numbers with top jobs in business.

Lord Davies said: "During the past 25 years the number of women in full-time employment has increased by more than a third and there have been many steps towards gender equality in the workplace, with flexible working and the Equal Pay Act. However, there is still a long way to go.

"Currently, 18 FTSE 100 companies have no female directors at all and nearly half of all FTSE 250 companies do not have a woman in the boardroom. Radical change is needed in the mindset of the business community if we are to implement the scale of change needed.

"This is not about aiming for a specific figure and is not just about promoting equal opportunities, but it is about improving business performance. There is growing evidence to show that diverse boards are better boards, delivering financial performance and growth.

"I have been pleased to see the huge amount of interest this review has sparked both from individual businesses and industry groups. I hope the recommendations I have announced will mark the beginning of a step-change so that more of our talented women get seats on our top boards."

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'I HAVE experienced gender imbalance in business and politics.

'I have managed to enjoy a career and have a family, but there is much to be done and some of Lord Davies' proposals may find wider application. I am encouraged by his attitude towards quotas. Positive discrimination can demean a woman's real value and alienate men. Our aspiration must be the creation of fair, real and equal opportunities where meritocracy wins. This is an exciting time for the promotion of women in business, the professions and politics. Government has a role but legislation will not fix the problem. There needs to be a shift in attitudes and behaviour.'

HELEN GRANT MP,
Maidstone and the Weald



'WOMEN have so much talent to bring to businesses. But, all too often, by taking career breaks to have children, are unfortunately still seen by some as being less committed than men.

'On returning to work, they can find it difficult to rise above a certain level in their careers. However, many women are incredibly ambitious and hard-working and although may not be able to work the traditional nine to five, are more resourceful, creative and productive with their time.

'I welcome every move that allows talented women to move up to board level and bring all their skills to the fore.'

SAMANTHA BLANCHARD MBA,
head of marketing, Kent Business School

'R&D base closure will affect housing market'

PFIZER'S planned departure from Sandwich could have a detrimental effect on the property market in east Kent, according to a law firm.

Senior partner at Fosters Law, Edward Foster, said although the lower end of the market would most likely remain stable, those in homes worth £250,000 and upwards could be forced to drop prices in order to sell.

His warning follows the announcement that the pharmaceutical giant was leaving east Kent, putting at least 2,400 jobs at risk and raising concerns about an exodus from the area.

Mr Foster said: "If the market is suddenly filled with properties prices will fall. Properties in places such as Ash and Wingham, where it is usually more expensive to buy, will become accessible. As soon as a large supply of properties enters the market it becomes a buyers' market.

"Pfizer employees may have to accept less than what they paid for their properties."

Mr Foster said the impact would also affect rental homes, where landlords would have to drop their charges.

"If you can get an executive four-bedroom house for £200 less, no one is going to pay more," he said.

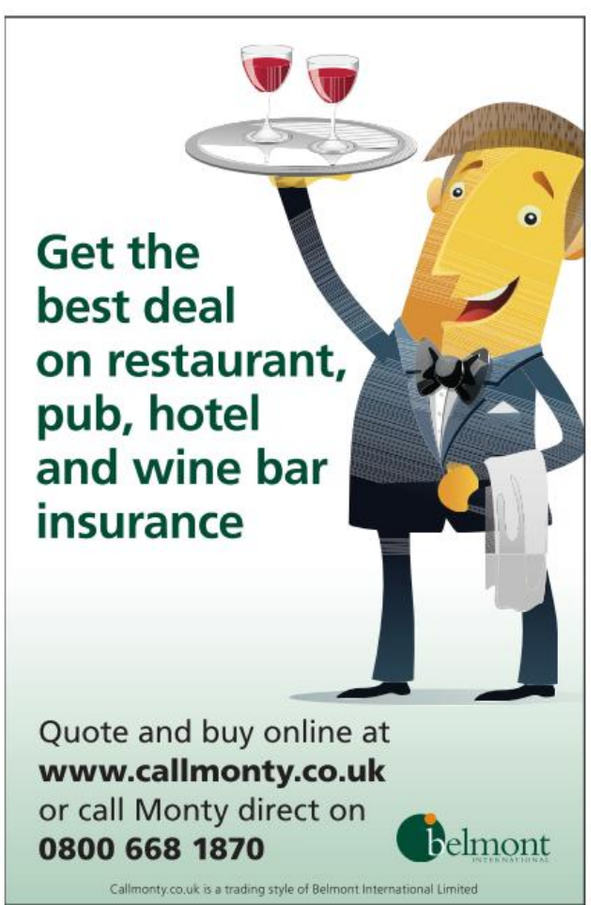
Mr Foster said another effect of Pfizer leaving would be employees downsizing as a result of skilled workers having to take lower-paid jobs.

"This would increase demand at the lower end of the market and this area, up to £250,000, would therefore remain stable – supply and demand would balance out," he said.

Steve Evans, associate director of estate agents Oakwood Homes, which has offices across east Kent, said Pfizer's decision could have an impact on the number of people moving to the area.

"I'm not expecting a large impact in terms of property prices. A lot depends on the time frame of the Pfizer situation," he said. "If we're looking at people leaving the area over two or three years, it's probably not going to have a large impact.

"However, people who may have been looking to make an aspirational move to the area for work may reconsider," he said.



Finalists Igloo keep cool



PROUD: Igloo staff and the prize-winning renovation work, below

SPECIALIST period property renovators Igloo have reached the finals of a national building contest.

The building firm, based at Godmersham, near Canterbury, has won a place at the 10th annual Master Builder of the Year Awards after picking up the London region's best large renovation prize for a Bromley residential project (right).

Like all entrants, they were nominated for the Federation of Master Builders (FMB) awards by a satisfied customer, something which made Igloo's Duncan Worboyes particularly proud.

He said: "We approach every job with the same attention to detail. That said, it is gratifying to be nominated by one of our many satisfied customers and even more so to be recognised for the quality of our work by our peers at the FMB."

FMB London regional director John Watson said: "The standard of entries in London this year is among the highest we have seen in the 10-year history of the awards and reflects the expertise, attention to detail and dedication of the nation's builders.



"Igloo has done a fantastic job to win the London region award and we wish them well in the national competition."

If Igloo wins the Master Builder of the Year 2011 title, staff will drive away a new light Nissan commercial vehicle of their choice. The customer who nominated them is also rewarded with a £3,000 holiday of their choice.

Maturing into

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THE BIG INTERVIEW

Sandra Matthews-Marsh, chief executive of Visit Kent, has been dedicated to promoting tourism in the county for 13 years. She has more than 20 years' experience in the industry, in both the public and private sectors. She has led Visit Kent for six years, following on from her role as director at Leeds Castle.
Her CV includes director of marketing at the South East England Tourist Board in the late 1990s and she is a Fellow of the Tourism Society. She played a key role in securing seven million euros in EU funding for the development of tourism in the run up to the 2012 London Olympic Games.
KOS Media business editor SIMON ROBINSON spoke to her



CONFIDENT: Sandra Matthews-Marsh

VISIT Kent chief executive Sandra Matthews-Marsh has 63,000 colleagues. The tourism boss is responsible for bringing these industry professionals working in a wide range of businesses across the county together for the common good.

After all, if visitor numbers rise, so do profits for all. Mrs Matthews-Marsh says the all-in-it-together ethos is key to her organisation's mission statement. Speaking at Visit Kent's Canterbury city centre headquarters, she outlines the group's two-fold purpose.

"The first goal is to support Kent's 63,000 tourism jobs an environment where the industry can flourish," she said.

"The second goal is to create a partnership platform on which all businesses can stand together as a unified destination.

"When people visit a destination, it's not straightforward. When you go on holiday you stay in a hotel, go out to eat, visit attractions and so on. So the idea of Kent businesses working together makes sense."

Creating this Kent tourism company co-operative has taken time, but Mrs Matthews-Marsh said the organisation had now reached "maturity".

"I was invited to come on board to help the business when it was quite embryonic. We only had a few investors and were coming to the end of a big funding commitment from Eurotunnel.

"It was a question of can we make this a sustainable business and grow it into something that will genuinely represent the 3,000 tourism businesses in Kent.

"Seven years later, we've built up nearly 300 investors, secured a number of European funding grants and we believe we're now a commercial and viable business that is able to do the job properly.

"We have a critical mass of businesses who believe in us and don't just throw money into the pot but participate at exhibitions and support programmes we do.

"We have reached maturity. We were toddling three years ago, we're now standing up and walking."

THE Visit Kent team has become adept at making the most of the county's assets and maximising returns on the opportunities it is presented with. They began work on the 2012 Olympic Games three years before they were awarded to London.

The sports department was similarly proactive on the golfing front, working behind the scenes long before Sandwich was picked as host of this year's Open.

And they are also heavily involved in the development of Kent's wide range of existing and soon-to-be open tourist attractions, who receive particular praise from Mrs Matthews-Marsh.

She said: "A large part of our success is down to our partners' product improvements.

"For example, the Folkestone Triennial has proved a huge success; the Turner Contemporary is set to open in April; and the Marlowe Theatre is also set to reopen. All of these are great cultural assets that are coming to the fore.

"We couldn't achieve anything without our partners as we're only as good as they are. They are making their products better and have created a big momentum and energy that we are trying to capture and lift."

The tourism group has spent heavily in a bid to keep the ball rolling, with £400,000 being allocated to the Kent Contemporary campaign. Billboards promoting the Garden of England have been placed across the capital in a bid to entice Londoners and residents from neighbouring counties to come to Kent.

The first phase of posters saw a 47:1 return on investment.

MRS Matthews-Marsh said: "We sent the figures back a number of times for stress testing because we were so impressed by the result. They are phenomenal. We are delighted – well above the industry standard. The campaign was set up to make people look again at Kent, show it again in a new, fresh way.

"The campaign was very clever but very simple. We already attract 45 million visitors a year to Kent but a lot of people on our doorstep overlook it. We were trying to reach these people and our research shows that we have done.

"The key message is that Kent is contemporary. We've got all the great heritage such as the White Cliffs and Leeds Castle, but we've also got great food, wonderful events, fabulous cultural assets, a great coastline – these are things that people are surprised to learn Kent has."

The first phase of the billboard campaign used photographs of Kent landmarks such as Hever Castle, Botany Bay and the Goods Shed in Canterbury, but Mrs Matthews-Marsh is hopeful that one of the county's newest tourist attractions, the Turner Contemporary gallery in Margate, will have similar pulling-power to its established rivals.

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visitors will be very important," she said.

"Visit Kent has been working closely with Thanet District Council to make sure that what we call the wraparound effect is there, with neighbouring businesses supporting the gallery.

"The thing we have to remember, though, is the reason Turner is in Margate is because it's a tourist town that's been in decline. Turner is in there because of that fact.

"We don't make destinations overnight. We will have a world-class gallery. Turner is the beginning of the turn for Margate.

"There was a degree of frustration around what might be perceived as a lack of other infrastructure, but it's coming. When it opens there will be a lot of private sector entrepreneurs who emerge very quickly, having seen what Margate has to offer.

"There has been cynicism and we understand that, but it's been disappearing day by day. There's building excitement now about the gallery and it's role in the regeneration of the town."

Mrs Matthews-Marsh's enthusiasm for her role is apparent from the outset.

SHE speaks confidently and quickly throughout, leaning forward in her chair keen to stress the positive and far-reaching effects tourism can have across the county.

It seems this passion was ignited at an early age, with the geography and library student heading to Hastings to work in a tourist information centre rather than return to her south London roots.

She spent the next 13 years in the East Sussex seaside town, after moving into local government.

"It was the heyday of tourism beginning to be seen as a regeneration tool within local authorities' framework," Mrs Matthews-Marsh said.

"I had a very happy time there, helping the resort rebuild itself. Hastings had seen a period of decline and decay. To a degree it's still going through that, as are most of our coastal towns.

"It's a bit of a long haul and there are a lot of parallels between places like Hastings and Margate and Folkestone."

The South East England Tourist Board and later Leeds Castle came calling, with Mrs Matthews-Marsh taking up the roles of marketing director and then marketing and operations manager.

Her time at Leeds Castle prepared her for her current role at Visit Kent and threw in a few A-list celebrities along the way.

"In my time at Leeds Castle I gained good experience at how to run a business, learning about heritage and how to manage a big budget. It was a wonderful experience. I worked all kinds of crazy hours but I also got to meet the Prime Minister, who came for a conference, the Duke of York and Elton John. I even got to see Pavarotti perform live."

While Mrs Matthews-Marsh speaks fondly of her 20-year tourism career, she is more enthused about what the future holds.

"We'll be spending a lot of time promoting rural Kent, which is very exciting," she said. "We also have a new programme about showing how the county is a great place for art and culture. Looking further ahead, the anniversary of the Magna Carta is in 2015 and that has a lot of associations to Kent.

"The sports team also has a number of events in the pipeline that we hope will come to fruition. There's lots going on."



NEW DAWN: The Turner Contemporary gallery in Margate will play a key role in the resort's regeneration, says Sandra Matthews-Marsh

SANDRA'S TOP TIPS

- 'Stay flexible and scan the horizon for opportunities'
- 'Our people are the heartbeat of our business we need to listen to them and value them highly'
- 'Make mistakes and learn from them'
- 'Our investors and Kent's tourism business is what we are here for and our greatest strength'
- 'My parents taught me to work hard and believe that you can do anything'





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Food and drink heroes rewarded for their efforts

THE county's top food and drink producers were honoured at the annual Taste of Kent Awards, ***writes Simon Robinson***.

The finalists gathered at Leeds Castle on February 25 hoping to take home a title in one of 12 categories. Winners included The Secret Garden restaurant, near Ashford; Whitstable Brewery; and Kent Fine Foods' lavender jelly, for food product of the year.

The Produced in Kent-backed competition drew 10,000 votes for the second consecutive year and saw 542 businesses and products nominated by the public.

The top three publicly-chosen finalists in each category were then subject to an expert judging panel, mystery shoppers or mystery diners, who selected the final 12 winners.

"Each of these Taste of Kent Award winners, together with the finalists, is doing something amazing in this corner of England," said Julie Monkman of Produced in Kent.

"The Taste of Kent Award winners are our food and drink heroes and have put the Garden of England on the British food and drink map.



TASTY: Winners share the limelight at the Taste of Kent Awards night

"Not only are these entrepreneurs growing, producing or working with local ingredients, but they are helping to revive and maintain traditional Kentish food and drink and centuries old production methods, but with 21st century technology.

"They should all feel proud of what they have achieved and Produced in Kent is deeply honoured to present 2010's dining dynasty to the county."

The awards were presented by BBC Radio Kent broadcaster John Warnett.

THE WINNERS ARE ...

Meat Retailer of the Year – Godmersham Game
"We have been shortlisted for Kent Meat Retailer of the Year four years in a row – so it is a total surprise that this year we have won. We were up against the big boys and so pleased that this year we have walked away with the award." – Phil Miles

Best Vineyard – Chapel Down Winery
"We were very proud and honoured to be nominated by the people of Kent to receive this award and delighted to win the Best Kent Vineyard category. Produced in Kent do an amazing job for local producers and as ever the Taste of Kent Awards highlighted all that is great about food and drink from our fantastic county." – Rebecca Hirst, pictured above, with Josh Donaghay-Spire and Sarah Sturt of Kent Life



Local Food Retailer of the Year – Macknade Fine Foods
"I am absolutely thrilled to have won Kent Local Food Retailer of the Year. It means the world to me and to the staff at Macknade. Thank you to all our customers who voted for us, and thank you to all our suppliers who have made us the success we are today." – Stephano Cuomo, owner

Farmers' Market of the Year – Shipbourne
"Winning again gives recognition to our stallholders and our volunteers who together create the unique Shipbourne shopping experience. We want to be able to share this experience with many more shoppers who are looking for both value for money and the best in local produce." – Bob Taylor, market manager, pictured with with Katie Smith-Palomeque of Hadlow College



Juice Producer of the Year – Owlet Fruit Juice
"This is fantastic and we'd like to thank all our customers for voting." – Suzie and Colin Corfield, owners

Artisan Food Producer of the Year – Corinne's Creative Kitchen
"I am so proud to have won. Being a small business this award means so much to us working on our own." – Corinne Goodman, pictured flanked by BBC Radio Kent presenter John Warnett and Jan Loraine of Barclays Bank



Food Product of the Year – Lavender Jelly by Kent Fine Foods
"For someone who works on their own, and doesn't have huge marketing or financial support, it is fantastic to receive countywide recognition for our Lavender Jelly. I'd like to say a big thank you to Produced in Kent and to everyone who voted for our product." Matthew Kearsey-Lawson, owner

Restaurant of the Year – The Secret Garden
"The Secret Garden has been established for five years and we are dedicated to using local seasonal produce. We are very pleased to be awarded Kent Restaurant of the Year and will make sure all our customers get to hear that we have won this award." – Stephanie Wanstall, owner

Dining Pub of the Year – The Plough at Stalisfield Green
"It is once again a fantastic feeling to win. We work very hard to source local produce and drink to serve in the pub, preferring to go straight to the farmers for beef, lamb and pork. We work with some fabulous producers and enjoy being able to explain to our customers exactly where the food they are eating is from." – Amy Lloyd, landlady, pictured with Stephen Clarke



Best Cider Maker - Biddenden Vineyards
"Having been nominated in three categories, we were delighted to be Best Cider Maker once again. The awards are very important to us as they bring together the best food and drink producers across our county, and to be shortlisted to the top three in three categories reflects our support from our customers, both trade and retail." – Julian Barnes, managing director, pictured with Hugh Summerfield



Best Brewery – Whitstable Brewery
"We know we produce great products but to win this award through a democratic vote is great. We work hard and so this is a nice reward." – Julian Herrington, brewer



Seafood Retailer of the Year – Sankey's
"Co-owner Graeme Anderson and I were quite surprised to win. We've only been trading for 18 months but have put a huge amount of effort in.
"To be recognised by the public is fantastic. There's no greater accolade than your customers saying you're the best at what you do." – Matthew Sankey, co-owner



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Grain gas deal will keep the home fires burning



ENERGY DEAL: The first shipment of LNG is expected to dock at the Isle of Grain in June

By **SIMON ROBINSON**

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A LANDMARK liquid gas deal will see £2 billion of fuel pass through the National Grid's Isle of Grain terminal in the next three years.

Energy suppliers Centrica signed a contract with Qatargas to buy 2.4 million tonnes of liquefied natural gas (LNG) – a tenth of Britain's annual consumption.

The long-term agreement is the first signed by a UK firm, with previous LNG deliveries bought per tanker on a fluctuating "spot market".

But with LNG use in the UK set to rise from 15 per cent last year to 50 per cent by 2025, more of the country's energy giants are likely to follow suit.

Centrica chief executive Sam Laidlaw said: "The UK is the largest gas consumer in Europe and one of the fastest growing markets for gas imports. LNG provides the UK with a bridge to major global gas reserves. This deal is of particular importance and we hope that this will be the start of a longer-term working relationship.

"The relationship between Qatar, the world's leading LNG exporter, and the UK connects supplier and consumer nations. Securing gas supplies benefits our customers, underpins our business and provides an important component of the UK's long term energy security."

Prime Minister David Cameron, who saw the contract confirmed during a business tour of the Middle East, said: "I welcome the announcement by Centrica and Qatargas. This important agreement is good for Britain, good for our energy security, good for jobs and good for economic growth."

The last phase of expansion work at the Isle of Grain LNG terminal was completed last year at a cost of £310 million.

The site now has a daily capacity of 59 million cubic metres of gas – enough to supply up to 12 million homes.

Grain already has the largest tank capacity of any terminal in the UK and looks set to be further developed.

National Grid confirmed that a fourth phase of expansion was being discussed and that additional capacity, should there be sufficient market interest, could be available from winter 2015/16.

BP, E.on Ruhrgas and Sonatrach are among the other customers to use the Isle of Grain terminal. Centrica's first Qatar-to-Kent shipment under the new deal is expected to arrive in June.

Rapid developments in the Gulf

SOUTH East companies are being encouraged to look to the Gulf states for new business partners.

Government trade bosses say firms across the region can capitalise on the Middle East's rapid business development and diversification.

The Gulf states have branched out from the traditional gas and oil sectors, creating new opportunities across a range of industries including infrastructure, low-carbon technologies, education, healthcare and finance.

Delegation

Trade and investment minister Lord Green, who visited the Gulf with Prime Minister David Cameron and a business delegation, said British firms were playing a major part in the ongoing development of the region.

"I was delighted to be visiting the Gulf with an impressive delegation representing the UK's top businesses and universities," he said.

"The delegates showcased the wide range of business opportunities on offer for UK firms in the region.

"These and other British firms are supporting the creation of some of the world's most modern infrastructure in the Gulf.

"They are helping develop knowledge-driven and greener economies as well as providing education, healthcare and new technologies to the region's young and fast-growing populations.

"Thousands of firms are already doing business across the Gulf. UK Trade & Investment has identified key opportunities in infrastructure, particularly ports, airports and railways as well as social infrastructure, including healthcare and education, and the energy sector."

Samir Brikho, CEO and British business ambassador for AMEC, which has a site in Ashford, said: "The Middle East is an important region to AMEC and sits on the strategic path to the delivery of AMEC's Vision 2015 strategy. We see real opportunity for AMEC's capabilities throughout the region."

Sir Frank Williams, team principal for the Williams Formula One team, said: "Two years ago, we established the Williams Technology Centre in Qatar to develop technology originally derived from our F1 racing team.

Progress

"We have been delighted with the progress made to date and in a very short space of time have managed to secure new customers for the simulator and energy storage devices we are developing in Qatar.

"The business infrastructure in Qatar, along with access to the qualified students graduating from the universities in Education City in Doha, make Qatar an ideal venue for us to fulfil our research and development projects.

"We have already made many friends in Qatar and hope to make many more."

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